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June 5, 1959

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AIRMAIL

To : DIRECTOR, FBI (49-14193)  
From : SAC, MILWAUKEE (49-320)  
Subject: [redacted] Aka. Et al  
ITSP - CONSPIRACY

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Re Cleveland radiograms to Milwaukee and Detroit 6/3 and 6/5/59.

Referenced radiograms advised that per Cleveland informant subjects LICHTERMAN and WIGODSKI traveled to Detroit 6/2/59 returning to Cleveland 6/3/59. [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

For information of all offices, on 6/3/59 subjects [redacted] and [redacted] in Federal Court, Milwaukee, changed plea to guilty, each to one count of mail fraud. Subject [redacted] pleaded guilty to conspiracy. Pleas of other subjects unchanged, with remaining counts against [redacted] and [redacted] being held in abeyance.

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[redacted] and [redacted] to be present at Milwaukee office 6/9/59 AM for purpose of interview. [redacted] to be interviewed at a later date.

All three subjects possibly to be used as government witnesses and may be object of efforts of LICHTERMAN and WIGODSKI.

All offices should be alert for any efforts made to influence or intimidate any witnesses in this case

2-Bureau (49-14193) (AM)  
2-Chicago (49-2158) (AM)  
2-Cleveland (49-506) (AM)  
2-Detroit (49-1185) (AM)  
1-Milwaukee (49-320)

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Date: June 4, 1959

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (49-14193)

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (49-320) 051535

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APPEARED IN USDC, EDW, JUNE THREE LAST AND ENTERED PLEAS OF  
GUILTY TO MAIL FRAUD.            ALSO APPEARED AND ENTERED PLEA  
OF GUILTY TO CONSPIRACY COUNT. AUSA, ACCORDING TO PRESS  
ACCOUNTS, REQUESTED COURT TO HOLD IN ABEYANCE THE REMAINING  
COUNTS AGAINST THESE THREE DEFENDANTS. TOLD COURT THEY HAD  
AGREED TO MAKE STATEMENTS AND TO TESTIFY. THESE SUBJECTS WILL  
BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW BY BUREAU AGENTS NEXT WEEK.  
POSSIBILITY EXISTS THEY WILL DESIRE PRESENCE OF COUNSEL DURING  
INTERVIEWS. IF SO, INTERVIEWS WILL BE HELD IN ABEYANCE AND  
BUREAU ADVICE REQUESTED AS TO WHETHER THEY SHOULD BE CONDUCTED  
IN PRESENCE OF COUNSEL.

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Approved:                       
Special Agent in Charge

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DIRECTOR FBI (49-14193)

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SAC MILWAUKEE (49-320)

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[redacted] appeared at the Milwaukee Office on 6/9/59 for interview in accordance with arrangements previously made by [redacted] Attorney, 152 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee. He was accompanied by Mr. [redacted]

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Upon their arrival, Mr. [redacted] indicated he would like to be present during the course of the interview. This situation was resolved very quickly and amicably, however, and the interview with [redacted] was undertaken without the presence of Mr. [redacted] who, according to information in the Milwaukee files, took over some years ago as the chief attorney for the Italian underworld in this city. Information has been received that [redacted] has accepted money known by him [redacted]

[redacted] has impressed the interviewing agents as being completely cooperative. It is likely that as a result of information furnished by him and to be furnished by [redacted] and [redacted] one or two additional subjects will be indicted. In addition, these three individuals are expected to testify for the Government should other defendants elect to go to trial. It is contemplated that interviews will be completed with [redacted] and [redacted] within the next few days. These latter two are also represented by Mr. [redacted] and he has stated they will cooperate.

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① - Milwaukee (49-320)

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Date: 6/8/59

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TO: SAC, MILWAUKEE (49-320)

✓ FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (49-14193)

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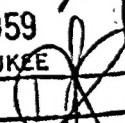
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Advise specific results expected to be obtained by interview with subjects  and  in event they desire to be interviewed in presence of counsel. Also furnish identity of counsel and results of indices check on counsel.

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FROM: SAC MILWAUKEE (49-320)

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Please refer to Milwaukee letter of this date.

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- ① - Milwaukee (49-320)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Milwaukee (49-320)

DATE: 6/12/59

FROM : SAC, Detroit (49-1185)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] aka.;  
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ITSP - CONSPIRACY  
OO: MILWAUKEE

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Re Cleveland Radiograms 6/3/59 (2) and 6/4/59, and Milwaukee airtel 6/5/59.

On 6/3/59, during the evening hours, the homes of the known friends and relatives of IRVING LICHTERMAN and DANIEL E. WIGODSKI in Detroit were spot checked, but no automobiles with Ohio license plates were noted in the vicinity of these homes.

[REDACTED] Mohawk Lumber and Supply Company, was contacted on 6/4/59, by SA(A)s DONALD W. MOORE, JR., and JOHN D. FUSELIER. [REDACTED] said that he had not heard or seen anything of the owners of E and A Sales Company since last September, and he volunteered to call SA(A) FUSELIER if he should hear anything from them in the future

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1 - Chicago (49-2158) (INFO)  
1 - Cleveland (49-506) (INFO)  
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Date: 6-16-59

Transmit the following message via RADIOGRAMDEFERRED

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TO: SAC CLEVELAND

FROM: SAC MILWAUKEE 162020

[REDACTED] AKA., ETAL, ITSP, CONSPIRACY.  
SUBJECT [REDACTED] INTERVIEWED AT MILWAUKEE TODAY AND IS TO  
RETURN TO SIGN STATEMENT 6-22-59. CLEVELAND IMMEDIATELY  
FORWARD TO MILWAUKEE 2 PHOTOS EACH OF SUBJECTS LICHTERMAN  
AND WIGODSKI FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES.

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49-320Approved: 38  
Special Agent in ChargeSent 4:21 P M Per WCP

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6/25/59

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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, DETROIT (49-1185)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (49-506)

[REDACTED], aka;

RE AL

ITSP - CONSPIRACY

(OO: Milwaukee)

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On 6/24/59, at approximately 5:15 p.m., SA [REDACTED] received an anonymous telephone call at the Cleveland Office. The individual calling indicated he was calling from the Cleveland Hopkins Airport and he only had approximately 15 minutes until his plane was due to depart for Detroit, Mich. The caller refused to identify himself in any way; however, it was learned during the course of the conversation that he considers himself to be a reputable businessman and he was taken by IRVING LECHTERMAN and EDIE WIGODSKI for approximately \$10,000. in the Scanlon Radio and Music Co. deal.

The caller advised the subjects, LECHTERMAN and WIGODSKI, had taken approximately \$125,000. worth of merchandise from the E & A Sales Co., 7010 Euclid Ave., just prior to going into bankruptcy. He indicated they have also been stealing merchandise from the Giant Value Stores, a company in which they have an interest. He stated the Detroit company had filled a warehouse with merchandise in value of approximately two million dollars, and are contemplating going into bankruptcy in the same manner as the Scanlon Radio and Music Co., Milwaukee, Wis., had done in the past. He stated WIGODSKI and LECHTERMAN have been taking merchandise from this company without paying for it and storing it

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- 1 - Milwaukee (49-320) (Info)
- 1 - Cleveland

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in Cleveland for resale. He stated they have a warehouse in Cleveland where this merchandise is stored and LICHTENMAN and WIGODSKI are presently making contacts in effort to peddle the merchandise. He stated a businessman in Cleveland had already purchased a large sum of the merchandise. He indicated this businessman had previously dealt in this type of distress merchandise.

The caller stated the Giant Value Stores, Detroit, were originally set up for the purpose of going into bankruptcy, and the FBI had better be on the alert because the company is about to go bankrupt. He indicated WIGODSKI and LICHTENMAN had to steal the merchandise from the E & A Sales Co. and the Giant Value Stores, Detroit, because they owe one of the top syndicate men in Cleveland a tremendous amount of money and they were being forced to pay this man off.

The caller stated WIGODSKI and LICHTENMAN were using Hertz Rental trucks to transport the merchandise from Detroit to Cleveland.

The caller further stated that one [redacted] is also involved in the Giant Value Stores, Detroit, and he was as bad as WIGODSKI and LICHTENMAN. He inferred WIGODSKI, LICHTENMAN and [redacted] were the real crooks involved in the Giant Value Stores and they were fronted by two supposedly reputable businessmen of Detroit. It is felt this individual was referring to [redacted] and SID FEIN as being the front men in Detroit, however, he did not mention them by name.

The caller refused to furnish the names of any of the individuals who are purchasing merchandise from WIGODSKI and LICHTENMAN in Cleveland. He also refused to disclose the location of the warehouse in Cleveland where LICHTENMAN and WIGODSKI supposedly store the stolen merchandise.

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On 6/6/59, [ ] advised LECHTENMAN and WIGODSKI [ ] in Detroit, Mich. known as the Giant Value Stores; that a man named SID FEIN fronts for them in that city. He said that LECHTENMAN, WIGODSKI [ ]

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He stated that this business is apparently in a shaky status and might be leading to a bankruptcy action. He indicated that he is of the opinion that these men might sell a lot of the big merchandise from these stores in Sept. or Oct., 1959.

On 6/14/59, [ ] advised he learned that [ ] whom he described as [ ] of Giant Value. He stated he learned that each store has over 10,000 square feet of space, and that the company has a tremendous warehouse.

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He stated that SID FEIN and [ ] are the Detroit front men and [ ] the Giant Value Stores, stating that MORRIS WIGODSKI, IRVING LECHTENMAN and [ ]

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He also indicated [ ] was involved in this matter as a

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matter of protection, inasmuch as he is [redacted]  
[redacted] and would be in a position to [redacted]  
[redacted]

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[redacted] recalled that he had [redacted]  
LICHTENMAN at Detroit. [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] inasmuch  
as some of the items were being offered a little above retail  
price.

He stated that LICHTENMAN and WISNIEWSKI had keys to  
the stores and the warehouse in Detroit, and that they have been  
hauling merchandise from the stores and warehouse at night. [redacted]  
[redacted] He mentioned that [redacted]  
[redacted]

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[redacted] said he understood that WISNIEWSKI and LICHTENMAN  
are now stealing from the stores instead of waiting, according to  
their plans, for entering bankruptcy proceedings, the reason  
being [redacted]  
[redacted]

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The above information is being furnished the Detroit  
Division in view of the fact the Giant Value Stores are located  
in that division.



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**Detroit is requested to make every effort to identify, locate and interview anonymous caller who furnished above information and advise Cleveland.**

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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| Reporting Office<br><b>KANSAS CITY</b>   | Office of Origin<br><b>MILWAUKEE</b> | Date<br><b>6-25-59</b>  | Investigative Period<br><b>6-17-59</b> |
| TITLE OF CASE<br><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div> aka.;<br><b>ET AL</b> |                                      | Report made by<br><b>HOWEN B. AYERS</b>   | Typed By:<br><b>JC</b>                 |
|  |                                      | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION<br/>OF STOLEN PROPERTY - CONSPIRACY</b> |  |

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## REFERENCE

Report of Special Agent JOSEPH E. ZIEL dated May 29, 1959, at Chicago, Illinois.

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## ENCLOSURES

### TO THE MILWAUKEE DIVISION

- (1) Letter from the National Acceptance Company, Chicago, Illinois, to National Engineering and Manufacturing Company, Sedalia, Missouri.
- (2) Seven invoices and accompanying bills of lading.

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| Approved  | Special Agent<br>In Charge | Do not write in spaces below  |           |
| Copies made:<br><br>1 - Bureau (49-14193)<br>2 - Cleveland (49-306)(Info.)<br>(1 - USA, Cleveland, Ohio)<br>2 - Detroit (49-1185)(Info.)<br>(1 - USA, Detroit, Michigan)<br>3 - Milwaukee (49-32)(Encl.15)(Reg.)<br>(1 - USA, Milwaukee, Wisconsin)<br>1 - Kansas City (49-684) |                            | 49  | 320 - 367 |
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| <u>Invoice Number</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------------|
| 49091                 | 9-25-58     | \$203         |
| 49280                 | 10-3-58     | \$174         |
| 48989                 | 9-19-58     | \$203         |
| 48913                 | 9-17-58     | \$174         |
| 49083                 | 9-24-58     | \$261         |
| 49037                 | 9-23-58     | \$174         |
| 49025                 | 9-22-58     | \$261         |

ADMINISTRATIVE

Information copies are being furnished to Cleveland and Detroit in view of pending investigation in these divisions.

Photostatic copies of purchase orders have been submitted previously in this case and the originals were not obtained at this time.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: United States Attorney, Cleveland, Ohio.  
United States Attorney, Detroit, Michigan.  
United States Attorney, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Report of: ROWEN B. AYERS  
Date: 6-25-59

Office: KANSAS CITY

File Number: KC 40-884, Bufile 40-14193

Title:

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Character: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY -- CONSPIRACY

## Synopsis:

Seven invoices and accompanying bills of lading reflecting transactions of National Engineering and Manufacturing Company, Sedalia, Missouri, with the Scanlon Radio and Music Shop, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, obtained.

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## Details:

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY (43-884)

DATE: June 19, 1939

FROM : SA ROWEN B. AYERS

Dictated: June 18, 1939

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] aka.;

ET AL  
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 OF STOLEN PROPERTY - CONSPIRACY

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On June 15, 1939, Mr. [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] National Engineering and Manufacturing Company,  
 16th and Lamine Street, Sedalia, Missouri, furnished  
 the following items:

- (1) Letter from the National Acceptance Company, Chicago, Illinois, to the National Engineering and Manufacturing Company, Sedalia, Missouri.
- (2) Seven invoices and accompanying bills of lading from the National Engineering and Manufacturing Company, Sedalia, Missouri, to Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop, Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

| <u>Invoice Number</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------------|
| 48801                 | 9-24-38     | \$303         |
| 48802                 | 10-2-38     | \$174         |
| 48803                 | 9-19-38     | \$303         |
| 48813                 | 9-17-38     | \$174         |
| 48823                 | 9-24-38     | \$361         |
| 48837                 | 9-23-38     | \$174         |
| 48825                 | 9-23-38     | \$361         |

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# Bishop Pleads Not Guilty to Fraud Charges

James H. Bishop, 52, Detroit, one of seven persons charged in federal indictments growing out of the Scanlon Radio and Music Shop discount house fraud case, pleaded not guilty Monday in the federal court to 16 counts of a 21-count indictment.

Bishop is charged with buying the discount house, formerly at 707 W. Wisconsin Ave. as a front for purchasing merchandise on credit, then shipping it to out of state warehouses without paying for it. He disappeared from Milwaukee on Oct. 10 and was arrested a month later by the FBI in Los Angeles.

## PRE TRIAL HEARING

Bishop's case, along with the six other defendants, was set for a pre-trial hearing by Judge Robert E. Tehan, on June 3. Judge Tehan will hear arguments the same day on a motion of Jacob L. Shubow, Detroit, named in one count, to quash his indictment.

Five others involved in indictments pleaded not guilty. They were:

Frank Verville, 31, Chicago, who was named in 20 of the 21 counts as a co-conspirator with Bishop.

## COMPLICITY CHARGED

Daniel Wigdowski, 47, and Erving Lichterman, 50, both of Cleveland; Robert L. Halpin, 29, Detroit; and Ruth J. McGuigan, 30, Chicago, each charged with two counts of complicity.

The government charges that \$470,000 worth of merchandise was involved in the fraud. Most of the counts involving Bishop and Verville charge they used the mails to defraud and used aliases in their operations.

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Report by 7/1/59

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Date Received 7/1/59 to  
Date Returned 7/2/59  
Request by 7/10/59

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, CLEVELAND (49-506)

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (49-1185)

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OO: MILWAUKEE

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Reurairtel 6/25/59.

A review of airline flights from Cleveland to Detroit revealed that Capital Airlines Flight 137 leaves Cleveland at 5:45 PM.

[REDACTED] Capital Airlines, advised SA(A) ROBERT P. KEENAN on 7/1/59, that the manifest of passengers for flights leaving Cleveland is located at Capital Airlines, Cleveland.

Cleveland is requested to review the manifest of passengers for Capital Flight 137 of 6/24/59, obtain any additional information available at Capital on passengers possibly identical with the anonymous caller, and to obtain a copy of the manifest of passengers and forward same to the Detroit Office.

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1 - Milwaukee (49-320) (INFO)  
1 - Detroit

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (49-320)

DATE: 7/8/59  
Dictated: 7/6/59

FROM

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SUBJECT:

[REDACTED], aka.;  
EUGENE PHILIP GILLIS;  
ET AL  
ITSP - CONSPIRACY; MAIL FRAUD

On June 16, 1959, [REDACTED] voluntarily appeared at the Milwaukee Office and was interviewed by Special Agents [REDACTED] and MAURICE H. PRICE. [REDACTED] returned on July 2, 1959, and signed the following statement:

"Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
"July 2, 1959  
"J.B."

"I, [REDACTED], make the following voluntary statement to [REDACTED] and Maurice H. Price who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises were made to induce me to make this statement and I understand it can be used against me in a court of law. I further understand that I have a right to an attorney.

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"I first met [REDACTED] sometime during January, 1958 in Detroit, Michigan, through a friend. During the latter part of 1957 or early part of 1958 I was employed as a salesman for [REDACTED] at the Coronet Sewing Machine Company in Detroit, Michigan.

"Sometime during June, 1958 I came to Detroit, Michigan, from California and at this time had a few social visits and ate dinner with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. During these visits [REDACTED] and I discussed going into business selling records and hi-fi equipment on a direct sales basis.

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"Around June 17, 1958, I returned to California and after discussing this possible future business with my wife I telephoned [REDACTED] in Detroit and told him I would

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like to go into business and would appreciate his help.

"Around July 1, 1958, I and my wife drove to Chicago, Illinois, and soon after July 4, 1958 accompanied by [redacted] and his wife we drove to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. A day or two later I saw an ad in the business opportunities column for the sale of Scanlon's TV Shop and from the appearance of the ad I thought this would be an ideal business opportunity inasmuch as I had prior experience in hi-fi and TV sales. The following day [redacted] and I answered the ad and conversed with Mrs. [redacted] and her employee, [redacted] at 707 West Wisconsin Avenue. After talking over the possibilities of the business between ourselves [redacted] and I returned in the afternoon and went with Mrs. [redacted] to her attorney's office where I closed the deal with Mrs. [redacted] paying her \$1,000.00 which I had borrowed from [redacted] and signed an agreement promising to pay the balance off at \$150.00 a month. After finding an apartment I and my wife stayed in Milwaukee and [redacted] accompanied by his wife returned to Chicago, Illinois.

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"At the time I purchased the business from Mrs. [redacted] I used the name [redacted] and [redacted] used the name of [redacted]. We both used fictitious names because we both had police records which would be a handicap if it was found out by the Better Business Bureau. At the time of purchasing the Scanlon business, I had never met Jack Shubow but his name was mentioned to me previous to this time by [redacted]. [redacted] had earlier related that he had sold some merchandise to Shubow at less than a wholesale cost dollar figure and that Shubow was interested in getting more such merchandise.

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"At the time of purchasing the Scanlon business, it was my intention of running a going concern, if I was able to do so.

"I formally took over the Scanlon business on July 8, 1958 and on July 10, 1958 prior to [redacted] return to Chicago [redacted] stated that he had been talking to [redacted] and they both had agreed that the Scanlon business was a good opportunity for a "bankruptcy." [redacted] said that [redacted] was going to match the amount of money [redacted] had put in and which money would be used to take care of business expenses. Any profit made would be split three ways and [redacted] mentioned that it should be possible for each of the three to make

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\$10,000.00 out of it. During this conversation [ ] stated that Shubow had contacted him for the purpose of obtaining more bankrupt type merchandise. [ ] stated that Shubow would be a good person to deal with and in the event we did sell merchandise to Shubow at less than cost, any profit resulting could be split 33 1/3 per cent each for [ ] and myself. [ ] and I had at that time discussed the possibility of later filing bankruptcy and after selling the majority of the merchandise at a dollar figure less than cost through Shubow settle with the creditors with what money that remained. I did not believe that if we did this, it would constitute any violation of the criminal laws but would only result in a civil action of some kind. I was assured by [ ] on several occasions that this was so. It was decided that [ ] would discuss with [ ] and Shubow the possibilities of Shubow's purchase of Scanlon merchandise and in the meantime I would setup the business which I did by hiring a girl for the office and had printed up post cards and purchase orders bearing the name of Scanlon's Radio and Music.

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"On the post cards and purchase orders I purposely had printed the fact that Scanlon's had been in business for over thirty years. This was a misrepresentation which I was aware of at the time since I had just purchased the business, but it was done in order that I could more easily obtain merchandise on credit.

"During the most part of July, 1958, [ ] and [ ] were in Chicago and I had little contact with them other than through phone calls and a weekend trip which I recall [ ] made to Milwaukee. During this time I made a few direct sales to customers at the store and also thought of hiring salesmen, which I never did.

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"Around the latter part of July, 1958 or the first part of August, 1958, [ ] and [ ] came to Milwaukee and stayed for approximately two days. [ ] stated that he had talked to Shubow and that Shubow was ready to buy any and all merchandise that was available. [ ] and I agreed at that time to purchase a sizeable amount of merchandise, sell it to Shubow at a percentage figure less than cost, file bankruptcy and later settle with the creditors. We agreed to split any profit resulting at the rate of 33 1/3% each. At that time I still thought that by such an operation I would not be

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violating any criminal statute, but I did know that the creditors had a legal right to any funds which may have been generated by our transactions.

"Immediately thereafter [ ] and [ ] returned to Chicago and post cards were mailed to prospective suppliers. Upon the receipt of catalogues received from these suppliers, purchase orders were then prepared and mailed. The post cards and purchase orders were prepared by myself, [ ] and [ ] and [ ] Although [ ] were residing in Chicago, they prepared their portion of the cards and purchase orders and thereafter sent them to Milwaukee via the North Shore Line for mailing in Milwaukee.

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"About August 15 to 20, 1958, a great deal of merchandise began coming in from suppliers. I rented a warehouse at 8104 West National Avenue, West Allis, Wisconsin. All merchandise which came for Scanlon's TV and Radio at 707 West Wisconsin Avenue was diverted to the warehouse and most of it never came into the store. [ ] who had been employed by [ ] and [ ] at Chicago, came to Milwaukee for the purpose of handling the warehouse. [ ] would pickup any merchandise which did come to the store and take it daily to the warehouse. A large stock of merchandise accumulated at the warehouse in the ten day period August 15 to 25, 1958. I was advised by [ ] and [ ] that they were negotiating with Gene Gillis, and making some arrangements through Jack Shubow, so that we could sell the merchandise which had accumulated in the warehouse. They advised me that Gillis was associated with Shubow. I understood that [ ] [ ] had worked for Gillis at one time. My understanding was that Gillis was to loan some money to Shubow to help him finance the operation in handling the merchandise we were to ship him. I was in frequent contact with [ ] on the telephone in the ten day period August 15 to 25, 1958. During this period, I was advised by [ ] that Jack Shubow, and Jessie Beron, who has a business in Windsor, Ontario, met in Chicago with [ ] and Gene Gillis. I had previously sent a large quantity of purchase orders to [ ] [ ] via the North Shore Railroad. [ ] advised me later that Shubow looked over the purchase orders and it was agreed that he would take the merchandise at fifty per cent of the invoice value. However, he subsequently apparently decided that the volume of merchandise was too great for him to handle

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and suggested that there were some fellows in Cleveland who could handle this quantity of merchandise. [ ] also advised me that about August 18 or 20, the Cleveland men who were to take the merchandise came to Chicago and that definite arrangements were made that they would take all of the merchandise. I did not meet any of these people, and I felt that I should not meet them as it would be better if they never saw me. Up to this time no merchandise had been shipped. Shipments were started right after August 20, 1958. It is my recollection that the first couple of truckloads were loaded by [ ] and that this loading was supervised by [ ] who came to Milwaukee in the evenings for that purpose.

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"About September 1, 1958, [ ] and his wife moved to Milwaukee. He moved to Milwaukee so that he could handle the warehouse. At that time a great deal of merchandise was arriving and more help was required. A couple other men were employed to assist in receiving merchandise and loading up the trucks. The receiving of merchandise and shipment of this merchandise to Cleveland continued. The warehouse operation was supervised by [ ] in loading each truck furnished the driver with a Manila envelope in which he had placed the originals of all of the suppliers invoices for the merchandise on that load together with an adding machine tape of the total invoice value of the load. He also wrote or typed on the outside of the envelope the name and address in Cleveland where the driver was to take the load. I recall that I saw some of these envelopes and saw the name E & A Sales, Cleveland, Ohio, on the outside of the envelope but do not remember the specific address. During the most part of September I did not know the full names of the men at E & A Sales in Cleveland who were purchasing the merchandise but only heard [ ] refer to them as Irving and Ed.

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"Around the first part of September, 1958, [ ] recommended to me that it might be easier to obtain merchandise on credit if we had a few credit references. For that purpose I was aware that [ ] using a fictitious name and representing a fictitious company obtained mail receiving privileges at two places in Milwaukee. The purpose of [ ] use of two assumed names on representing himself as a representative of two assumed companies was for using these companies'

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identities as credit references in the event prospective suppliers would require references prior to shipping merchandise. I did not use the name of these two companies in replying to letter inquiries of prospective suppliers.

"During the month of September, large quantities of merchandise were coming into the Scanlon warehouse in West Allis, Wisconsin, and it seemed that everything that was ordered was being shipped. Since it looked as though there would be no trouble with Ed and Irving in Cleveland, more trucks were loaded and shipped to E. & A Sales and soon the merchandise shipped to Cleveland totaled approximately \$50,000.00. Also during September, [redacted]

[redacted] and I drove to Gene Gillis' home at Glencoe, Illinois. After we arrived [redacted] went into the house to speak to Gillis and I stayed in the car. At that meeting [redacted] received a few thousand dollars, the exact amount of which I cannot recall at this time. I do recall that [redacted] told me that Ed and Irving wanted at least \$200,000.00 worth of merchandise and that he, [redacted] told Gillis that there would not possibly be that much since we did not have the money to pay all of our expenses. [redacted] mentioned that he learned through Gillis that Irving or Ed had a death in the family and were experiencing some difficulties in Cleveland. As a result, they were behind in their payments for the merchandise. The money which [redacted] received on that date was put in the bank in Milwaukee and was quickly used to pay all of our necessary expenses.

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"On a morning during the middle of September, I went to the Post Office in Milwaukee, picked up the mail and thereafter went to [redacted] room at the Knickerbocker Hotel. Upon entering the room, I saw two strange men and after conversing with [redacted] for two or three minutes I left inasmuch as I had work to do. [redacted] did not introduce me to these men. I immediately thereafter went back to the Scanlon store, at which time [redacted] phoned me to say that two men were recently at the warehouse in West Allis asking how to find [redacted]. Later on the same day [redacted] told me that the two men that I saw in his room were Irving from Cleveland to whom we were selling the merchandise and [redacted] from Cincinnati, Ohio, who is an expert on bankruptcy. [redacted] related that Irving came to Milwaukee to look over our operation and to tell us.

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to order as much merchandise as we possibly could.

"All during the month of September, 1958 pressure was building up inasmuch as we had received little money for the merchandise we sent to Cleveland and I was always being pressured by creditors for payment of my bills. I recall that [ ] conversed a few times with Shubow and Gillis who always told [ ] that money would be forthcoming soon and to keep sending the merchandise.

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"I also recall that sometime during September [ ] traveled to Chicago and received \$15,000.00 from Gillis as a part payment. This money, as I recall, was put by [ ] in a safety deposit box in Chicago. This money was later brought to Milwaukee in small amounts by [ ] as we needed it to pay our bills and expenses.

"I also recall that by the middle of September we had shipped approximately \$180,000.00 invoice value of merchandise to E & A Sales, Cleveland, Ohio.

"Somewhere around September 15 - 20, 1958, I recall it was decided between myself, [ ] and [ ] that after we received a little more merchandise we would close the business. I still in my mind at that time intended to file bankruptcy and partially settle with the creditors prior to leaving Milwaukee. About this time, [ ] advised me that he had received a call from [ ] who was in Chicago. He advised that Gillis had called from Detroit and Gillis later met with [ ] in Chicago and gave [ ] another \$15,000 and again promised that the remainder due would be paid shortly. The rest of the money was never received. In all we received a total of approximately \$35,000 from E & A Sales.

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"Sometime during the last few days of September [ ] placed a call from Scanlon's Radio and TV to E & A Sales in Cleveland. I listened in on this call on an extension phone at Scanlon's. [ ] talked to Irving who advised him that he had nothing to do with the matter any more and that [ ] should talk to his partner Ed. [ ] then did talk to Ed who identified himself as such on the telephone. Ed said that his partner Irving had acted without authority in making arrangements and in buying the merchandise which had been shipped to E & A Sales from Scanlon's in Milwaukee;

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that the merchandise was a poor quality and that there were shortages in the shipments. He stated they were not going to pay any more money. He said that he did not care what happened to me or the others involved at Milwaukee and that there was nothing that we could do about it. He then said that if we wanted any more money at all, [redacted] and [redacted] had better come to Cleveland and talk it over. [redacted] offered to take back all of the merchandise which had been shipped at no expense to E & A Sales. Ed said that this was impossible as he had already sold some of it. The following day [redacted] made a long distance conference telephone call from my apartment in Milwaukee. Tied in on this conference call were Jack Shubow in Detroit, Gene Gillis in Chicago and [redacted] in Detroit. Subsequently [redacted] advised me that he had discussed with Gillis and Shubow the failure of E & A Sales to pay for the merchandise which had been received and during the above-mentioned phone call it was agreed that [redacted] and [redacted] would go to Cleveland with Shubow and Gillis and Irving and Ed. I was subsequently advised by [redacted] that [redacted] had gone to Detroit and talked to Shubow who felt that all the parties concerned should be in Detroit for the purpose of talking to Irving. [redacted] advised me that he had received a telephone call from [redacted] who asked him to fly to Detroit, which he did. He subsequently advised me that Gillis also went to Detroit and that he, [redacted] and Gillis met with Shubow at a restaurant in Detroit on a Sunday evening. Shubow and Gillis were re-assuring. All drove to a residence address in Detroit where Irving was mourning the death of his father. Irving at that time said that if all the parties would come to E & A Sales in Cleveland the following day, they would pay up in full. [redacted] advised me he had been to Cleveland and discussed the entire situation with Ed and Irving. Present were [redacted] Shubow and Gillis. [redacted] advised me that we were no longer sending any merchandise to E & A Sales and that the money which was owed to us from E & A Sales was to be paid to us in the form of postdated checks, each coming due on a different date from October, 1958 through January, 1959.

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[redacted] also explained that he and [redacted] had made an agreement with Shubow and Gillis to send a large quantity of merchandise to Detroit, Michigan, such merchandise to be sold by Shubow through contacts of his for a percentage commission. [redacted] also stated that Shubow suggested that we buy as much

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merchandise as we possibly could and then leave the business without filing bankruptcy. At that time, which was approximately the end of the third week or fourth week in September, 1958, it was agreed between [ ] myself and [ ] that we would file no bankruptcy and after shipping what we could ship to Detroit we would leave Milwaukee without leaving any merchandise or money for the creditors.

"From the latter part of September through October 9 or 10, 1958 we received enormous quantities of merchandise and by October 9 or 10, 1958, the merchandise shipped to Detroit to be sold through Shubow had approximated \$260,000.00.

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"On October 10, 1958, [ ] and I cleaned out the Scanlon warehouse and store and stayed for the night in the Embassy Motel on Highway 41 south of Milwaukee. The next morning we accompanied by our wives traveled to Chicago. In Chicago we had determined there was approximately \$18,500.00 left from the operation. [ ] and [ ] each took approximately \$7,000.00 representing their original investment in Scanlon's and the remaining \$4,500.00 or so was split three ways between myself, [ ] and [ ] pursuant to our previous agreement.

"Prior to leaving Milwaukee on October 10, 1958, all duplicate invoices representing merchandise which we had received as well as all checkbooks and return checks from the bank were burned in a trash barrel behind the warehouse by [ ] at my direction."

"In reference to page ten of the above statment where I mentioned in paragraph two, that I saw strange men in [ ] room at the Knickerbocker Hotel, I have been shown a photograph of Irving Lichterman whitch I identify as being one of those two men."

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"I have read the above statment consisting of fifteen typed written pages, and it is true and correct to the best of my knolage."

/s/ [ ]  
"July 2, 1959"

"Witnessed:

[ ] Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
July 2, 1959

"Maurice H Price, Special Agent FBI - Milwaukee 7/2/59"



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In addition to the above statement, [ ] stated that he has never received any money from JACOB SHUBOW and at the present time is indebted to [ ] in the amount of approximately \$3,500.00. He stated that [ ] worked for approximately one week at the Scanlon's Store, 707 West Wisconsin, answering phone calls and typing purchase orders at his direction. He advised that during this time, she used the name [ ] at his suggestion, and although she knew that large quantities of merchandise was being shipped to Cleveland, Ohio, she was not aware that its purpose was to defraud creditors. b6 b7c

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (49-320)

DATE: 7/13/59

FROM: [redacted]

Dictated 7/9/59

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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On July 2, 1959, [redacted] made himself available at the Milwaukee Division and while being interviewed by SAs [redacted] and MAURICE H. PRICE he produced a tape recording of a long distance phone conversation between EUGENE PHILIP GILLIS and JACOB LOUIS SHUBOW in Cleveland, Ohio and [redacted] at 3220 South 49th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. [redacted] stated that SHUBOW placed this call in Cleveland sometime during September, 1958 and that he [redacted] recorded the conversation with the knowledge and consent of [redacted]. The recording was played on July 2, 1959 at the Milwaukee Division for [redacted] after which he advised that such recording represented the complete and unaltered conversation that took place at that time.

The tape is being maintained in the Milwaukee Division and the content is as follows:

Operator "Long distance calling [redacted]

[redacted] "Right.

Operator "Is this he?

[redacted] "Right.

Operator "Thank you, go ahead.

GILLIS "Hello, [redacted]

[redacted] "Yeh.

GILLIS "GENE.

[redacted] "Yeh.

GILLIS "Look [redacted] I'm here with Jack.

[redacted] "Yeh.

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GILLIS

"Here's the situation. The other, the partner, the one whose father was sick, they buried him today in Detroit. This is no (Obscene). I mean this is out and out facts.

[REDACTED] "Uhhmmmm.

GILLIS

"You know in the Jewish religion, when there is a funeral, then they sit and mourn. Now we were on the phone with him today. He called in because he knew we were coming down. You understand?

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[REDACTED] "Uhhmmmm.

GILLIS

"And Jack is going to see him tomorrow afternoon at his, at his father's home where they are mourning.

[REDACTED] "Uhhmmmm.

GILLIS

"To go over the details of the return, I'm opening the door and closing it. I want Jack to hear. To go over the details of the percentage of return and so forth based on what you're willing to work on.

[REDACTED] "Meaning me? Uh, you're asking me a question or telling me?

GILLIS

"No, I'm telling you the situation.

[REDACTED] "Yeh? Now the last part I didn't understand.

GILLIS

"Well I say Jack is going in back to Detroit tonight.

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[REDACTED] "Right.

GILLIS

"And he's seeing that either partner --

[REDACTED] "Well, this here, this party who's doing all the complaining and making all those statements and so forth is right there.

GILLIS

"That's correct.

[REDACTED] "I think you should make sure you've got a clear understanding of what's going on with him before--

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GILLIS

[ ] You want to know what the clear understanding is?

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[ ] "What's that.

GILLIS

"And Jack will substantiate me. Come here Jack.

Am I correct in saying that [ ] made a statement. He said that the guy who's doing all the complaining and the shouting is in Cleveland.

SHUBOW

"That's true.

[ ] "That's Irving.

GILLIS

"He said now that there should be a clear understanding. Now I'm going to tell him exactly that IRVING said. IRVING said that JACK goes in to see EDDIE and whatever EDDIE and he work out is okay with him.

[ ] "Now this guy--

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GILLIS

"Now this is an absolute out and out flat statement, no, no question.

[ ] "Now I believe he said it. But this guy from what impressions I have of him---

GILLIS

"Except for one thing [ ] let me tell you something. When all is said and done the boss of the business, I mean from the standpoint of the business and the maneuvering and the, and the, uh, business head and everything, is the kid that's in Detroit.

[ ] "Well, then that's the guy I should have been doing business with. What did this bum come flying into Milwaukee for--

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GILLIS

"Because, well, you can already see you mentioned to me what an excitable guy he is. Wait a minute Jack. Well, you're going to talk, well you're going to talk to [ ] when I get through. He, uh, you noticed how excitable he is.

[ ] "You know Gene, to tell you the truth, he seems

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to me, as a matter of fact he strikes me, and this goes for intelligence, knowledge of business huh, huh, flexibility, and everything else, to be about on the same par as [redacted] and this isn't because that--

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GILLIS

"Want to know something, [redacted]?"

[redacted]  
"What.

GILLIS

"You just put your finger right on it.

[redacted]  
"Exactly, he doesn't seem to me to know what business is. As a matter, as a matter of fact, this screwball tells me, he said oh see I buy, I buy binoculars, he says, a lot cheaper than that. He's looking at Bushnell invoice, at a Bushnell invoice and telling me he's buying 7 X 50 binoculars ten dollars cheaper.

GILLIS

"Wait a minute, I want to tell this to Jack. He said that IRVING impresses him exactly as the same type as [redacted]

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"Exactly. You put your finger right on it.

[redacted]  
"Well, I know what kind of a person [redacted] is and I'll tell you, he's ah, he's just screwy enough, [redacted] to do screwy things, and I don't want nothing screwy happening.

GILLIS

"No. Do you remember, I mean as you said that it's still the same situation when people came up to see you on Woodrow Avenue, to see the firm, you were the one who did the handling. The same situation here, [redacted]

[redacted]  
"All right, let me ask you one--

GILLIS

"The one in Detroit is the one that's got the business head and that can, can compute and knows exactly---

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[redacted]  
"All right, here's the only problem, GENE.

GILLIS

"For example let me tell you something, when

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IRVING got on the phone to me the other day he was screaming a lot of bad this, that, and the other thing, you know, he kept mentioning this one, that one. When he got off I talked to EDDIE, EDDIE says to me, look GENE, it isn't like IRVING said, he said there is quite a bit of bad stuff that I consider he says, but it isn't in the proportion that IRVING is screaming. You know what I mean.

[ ] "IRVING, I'll tell you, IRVING doesn't even know what he's got and what he hasn't got. He actually don't even know what he has got and what he hasn't got. Now let me tell you one other thing. Now you can see what impressions this is going to leave on my end. Here we are, we set this all up, we've prepared for it, we did this, we did that, and now we've got another stall. Now can you imagine the impression that's leaving.

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GILLIS

"Ho, ho, [ ] ho, one minute now.

[ ] "I'm not thinking, my god, don't believe me, I'm not saying

GILLIS

"Don't use the word stall in this situation. Jack tells me that one of your partners is in Detroit. Is that correct?

[ ] "Right.

GILLIS

[ ] he says?

[ ] "Right.

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GILLIS

"Very simple matter to check out the fact that old man WIGODSKI passed away and was buried today. You can look in the Free Press and see it. I mean, well, JACK, will talk to you when I get through because he was thinking that possibly [ ] could come with him tomorrow afternoon (UHM) when they go up to the home where they're mourning. This is something JACK will discuss with you when I get off the phone now. (UHM) I mean, don't use the word stall under these circumstances.

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[REDACTED] "Well, I don't like to GENE. You can imagine - I don't like to use the word stall with the man

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GILLIS

"A fellow loses his father, he

[REDACTED] "No, no, I know that, but don't you understand how impersonal it is as far as me or especially my partners.

GILLIS

"Well, except that there are incidents all right, now listen JACK wants to talk to you.

[REDACTED] "Well, let me finish here now first. Now, what possible reason could he possibly have for not giving you some money. What reason could he have for not giving you some money right now. Just to show his good intentions.

GILLIS

"It isn't a matter of good intentions. I didn't even think of that part, [REDACTED] As far as I'm concerned, [REDACTED] this thing has to be saddled, worked out, and the money paid. Do you know what I mean.

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[REDACTED] "Uhhmm.

GILLIS

"This business of give me ten or twenty, although it may be important to you, I can understand that, don't misunderstand me, I wasn't thinking from that standpoint. I came down here to this, to get this goddam thing straightened out. You understand?

[REDACTED] "Uhhmm.

GILLIS

"That's the

[REDACTED] "Well, I'll tell you one other, one other thing that concerns me and is JACK on the phone.

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GILLIS

"No JACK is - I'm in the phone booth.

[REDACTED] "Oh, I see, all right, well, here you can tell, listen, you can tell, as a matter of fact, never mind telling JACK I'll tell him exactly, I'll tell him myself, but I want to tell you something

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here that makes me a little concerned. Now I'm not taking anything away from JACK but he is, huh, uh, but he's a little bit, he can be led a little bit. Now, now you, I want to explain something. I trust to your fairness GENE. I trust especially to your ability, probably JACK can get a better price out of anybody in the whole world than you or I ever could, but I believe you are a better negotiator than he is. (UHM). Now I hate to have you go back to Chicago, in other words I figure with you negotiating things, no matter what happens, I might lose, I might gain, but I wasn't going to get hurt as long as you were negotiating.

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GILLIS

"Yeh.

[redacted]  
"Now, I, I hope, I don't know what I'm doing here I'm leaving it, in other words what we're doing is leaving it entirely up to JACK.

GILLIS

"Oh no, JACK is going to see him tomorrow afternoon. ✓

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"Yeh.

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GILLIS

"And I'm going into Detroit Friday night or early Saturday morning and see him. ✓

[redacted]  
"Yeh.

GILLIS

"No, I'm not backing out or anything. ✓

[redacted]  
"In other words what this amounts to is that I'm going to be held up for my money at least another three or four days.

GILLIS

"Now you're throwing something at me, that I can't answer at the moment, because as I told you I came down and we're working on this thing to get it straightened out. Once it's straightened out-- ✓

[redacted]  
"How come he didn't call you to tell you his father had died instead of making you make a trip all the way to Cleveland.

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GILLIS

"I knew his father died.

[redacted]  
"Oh.



GILLIS

"I knew his father died. I got the call yesterday but at the same time I came down here and Jack came over here because JACK wanted to see the goods, I wanted to see it, I wanted to get the figures and go over the whole thing intelligently.

"Now when JACK sees EDDIE tomorrow, at least he's got an intelligent approach and so do I when I have - when I talk to EDDIE. I mean, listen the extra expense (all right) for a few hours.

[REDACTED] "All right, let me ask you this would, uh, would, how you have evaluated it up to this point.

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GILLIS

"Well, uh, you want me to be honest.

[REDACTED] "Certainly.

GILLIS

"Being very honest with you from what I've seen and gone through there, I don't think that the two of you, that now, I'm not saying you and IRVING, I'm saying you and EDDIE and your evaluations are not too far away. (UHM). You follow? (UHM). Except that on your proportion, on your break down, where you take a figure of six percent on the all bad and crap at 12 percent on the number four goods, (UHM) you follow me? (UHM). I, I'm inclined (cough) I go three ways. I go good, you know, excellent, medium, and poor. (UHM). I don't go five, the five different ways. I figure it about 25 percent poor from what I've seen.

[REDACTED] "Twenty-five percent poor.

GILLIS

"That's third class with me, you know.

[REDACTED] "All right, would you say proportionally it would be the other way?

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GILLIS

"Well, I'd say that you're, you see basically you're not too far away from each other. You're not too far away, in, not you and IRVING, but you and EDDIE.

[REDACTED] "Uhhh. Well, I said here, well I said in four and five, 17½ percent.

GILLIS

[REDACTED]

"That's right, so I say you're not too far away.

"But, I can't, I can't go along with, I mean I'll, the only thing, the only, my only problem in negotiating with these people, maybe I've been talking with the wrong partner, but, uh, but when people start telling him there're going to give me thirty-five percent for my merchandise, and I gotta do this and I gotta do that and so forth, then I know right away that this is the kind of character I cannot give in one inch too, because this is the kind of character that hasn't got any head for business, he's just a screwball. He's a character that goes that way.

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GILLIS

[REDACTED]

"Now listen.

"Now, now, if I can't, even though I say that you're fair, and if you and me were doing business, you told me this is the way I see it, [REDACTED] it looks like to me in your honest opinion as 25 percent and my honest opinion as 17 percent, I won't worry any further. Because me and you would get together but if this guy is anything like his partner I'm going to stick right to my story of 17 percent, that's it, I don't want to hear from nothing else. You see?

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GILLIS

"Except that the other guy is different to talk to and once he gets to talk to him tomorrow and I'll get in there tomorrow night and Saturday morning and I'm sure we can work it out. Now [REDACTED] there's something else I wanted to discuss with you before I get off.

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[REDACTED]

"All right.

GILLIS

"You were talking to Jack about, you know, whatever he takes back and then to come up and pull off from up there. (RIGHT). You follow?

[REDACTED]

"Right.

GILLIS

"Well, I want you to kick this around in the next day or two and I was just discussing it with JACK because JACK mentioned to me that he could, uh, he could uh, he could cash, you know, he could borrow and pay interest and so forth.

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[REDACTED]  
"Right.

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GILLIS

"You once mentioned to me you were willing to go along on a deal to work off the goods (RIGHT) on a time basis (RIGHT). Now I was talking to JACK and we can, I don't care whether we work out of Milwaukee or work out of Detroit or wherever the case might be, get a warehouse (UHM) bring in X-number of goods, we all work together, we all sit down and price the stuff out because JACK and I we can move a lot of it but in small lots. (UHM). You know what I mean.

[REDACTED]  
"Uhah.

GILLIS

"And yet get top dollar across the board, (UHM). Now maybe we can work out on the stuff up there based on you put it in on a certain figure and whatever is made on top of that we can all chop up.

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[REDACTED]  
"Oh, I'm perfectly willing to do that.

GILLIS

"You are?

[REDACTED]  
"Oh, perfectly.

GILLIS

"Well, you'll get into it with JACK because I think that way we can, we can, you know, you can pick up some extra too.

[REDACTED]  
"That's right. Well I'm perfectly willing to work that way. As a matter of fact the surprising

GILLIS

"Because I know, I can call a guy from Washington, JACK knows a few of these guys I'm talking about he's got them. They'll come in with five, they'll come in with ten, they'll come in with eleven, they'll come in with six grand. You know?

[REDACTED]  
"Well, I'll even send some people in. See, I'll send people in the same token. Now here's

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GILLIS

"And you walk them around and you move it.

[REDACTED]  
"Oh very easy, Ge--, very easy Gene. We can work that out very simply, that will be, I'll work out anything on that basis with you. That can be done and as a matter of fact,

GILLIS

"As long as, see here's the important thing. There can't be, if there's no pressure on our heads, (UHM) like if you're borrowing from Shylock. (Well here's the important) You know what I mean. ✓

[REDACTED] "I'll go along eh, eh, in anything like that as long as I know my money is safe. Now, now I'm not even, I only said that because, uh, I worked I still wouldn't know this on your first deal. With you and JACK I'm not worried. ✓

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GILLIS

"Naturally.

[REDACTED] "All right, well we can work out something. I think well, I don't know if JACK mentioned anything to you but we originally talked about something along those bases the first time. ✓

GILLIS

"Yes, yes, that's why I mentioned it to him today. I said for Christ's sake, you, you, you, you, on a deal like that what the (OBSCENE) did you start down here for. ✓

[REDACTED] "Well let me talk

GILLIS

"And, and, come out smelling like a rose. ✓

[REDACTED] "All right well look then Gene you think that I've gotta tell my people something, uh, uh.

GILLIS

"Tell them exactly what I told you. ✓

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[REDACTED] "Right and also ✓

GILLIS

"There's no lies in what, you know I found out a long time ago, boy, you tell the truth, you never have a problem. ✓

[REDACTED] "All right, now here's the thing now Gene, uh, uh, uh, these people, uh, I mean they're not, you see they're, the longer this takes, the more it puts us at a disadvantage. Uh, I don't know how you, how I can explain that to you but the longer it's prolonged we're losing ground every minute it takes.

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GILLIS

"I don't want it prolonged either I like this other thing that we can jump into right away, and get this thing cleaned up. ✓

[REDACTED]  
GILLIS

"All right, well

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"Now listen.

[REDACTED]  
GILLIS

"Now he's going to see him tomorrow, why can't we clean it up tomorrow night, then ✓

"Well, let me put JACK on now and you talk to JACK because JACK would like, if at all possible, for [REDACTED] to meet him and come along with him.

[REDACTED]  
"Well you see that puts us at a disadvantage when one of our people has to do the negotiating, you see why because he's, he's going to hate like hell to take, he don't mind, he's very impersonal with me and my people whereas with you and JACK it's a little bit more personal.

GILLIS

"Yeh, that's true. ✓

[REDACTED]  
"And it's going to take away from our position if we have to do the negotiating. ✓

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GILLIS

"All right, you discuss it with JACK.

[REDACTED]  
"Okay.

GILLIS

"I'll be in touch with you.

[REDACTED]  
"All right, GENE.

GILLIS

"ALL right.

SHUBOW

"Yeh, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
"Uh, I understand you're going to handle this tonight or tomorrow or what.

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SHUBOW

"No, well, you see I knew the guy's father who died but I thought I'd come earlier and you know, I promised to meet GENE here and check the merchandise.

[REDACTED]  
"Yeh.

SHUBOW

"So then the guy just called me when the guy's father died. In fact, [REDACTED] can check with the Free Press

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SHUBOW

continued and the Nes, it's in the paper.

[REDACTED] "Uhah.

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SHUBOW

"Uh, he's the original owner of the Dobbfelt (PH) Distributing Company on 12th Street, the father was. So, uh, you know today at the funeral like the Jewish religion you got to sit for a week mourning but then after the first day he can go up to talk to the people. See, and I talked to this guy and made arrangements for him to see me tomorrow afternoon or tomorrow night. Now you were telling me that [REDACTED] was in Detroit?

[REDACTED] "Right, he is.

SHUBOW

"Uh, would you want, like [REDACTED] to contact me tomorrow and he can go over there with me? ✓

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[REDACTED] "Well here's the thing, JACK. I don't mind, you know, like [REDACTED] will naturally be in touch with you, (YEH) all the time he's in Detroit. The only thing is, my feelings are that it's going to take away from our position if anyone in our group, helps, or does, or is in any part of the negotiation.

SHUBOW

"Yeh, it might look like you're willing to make a compromise.

[REDACTED] "Yeh, you see it's going to take away but, you see, it's very impersonal between them and us, they don't know us, as far as we're concerned we're just, they're concerned we're just poles. We're just names. Whereas with you and GENE, it's a little bit more personal. }

SHUBOW

"Yeh, we put pressure on this guy. We told him we were responsible for him and we'll have to come up with the money and this and that and they said we could even forget about most of the money you promised me and I sort of, - like GENE says it is around 20 or 25 percent, he'll pay it. So I said we'll take it off your hands, so this guy's crazier (fades out for about 7 seconds).

[REDACTED] "Take away from our bargaining position and I think that you're going, you're, you're going to

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take less out of your pocket (two talking at once).

SHUBOW

"His main complaint was what you did on, uh, looking through the invoices he thought he was going to get the stuff like on what he paid, like on five dollars he came in \$5.75, you see?

[redacted]  
"Now you don't know what he pays for merchandise.

"He don't even know the difference between good and bad merchandise, this moocher.

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SHUBOW

"No I mean that's - he knows, he's got a tremendous face, he knows what

[redacted]  
"He might have a tremendous face, but I don't know how he's got it because he don't know business, this guy.

SHUBOW

"No, the other guy knows business. But I'm just saying he's going by the invoices that he, a lot of stuff he has there that you also have see.

[redacted]  
"Right.

SHUBOW

"He's going by the same invoices of his and of yours, and there's a lot of stuff his price 75¢ to \$1.00 higher for the same merchandise. You, I tried to explain to him while you were buying in the three dozen lots and he's buying on the side makes a difference. But he thought he was going to buy at the same price that he buys merchandise for. Also did you tell him when he was up there, like the watches, that you didn't want to give him the watches.

[redacted]  
"No that's ridiculous. Do you want to know how many watches he's got right now?

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SHUBOW

"Yeh, what.

[redacted]  
"All right, I'll tell you what he's got in watches. (To himself - 11, 14, uh, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34,) he's got four thousand dollars worth.

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SHUBOW

"Of what, name brand watches?

[REDACTED] "No, he hasn't got name brand, \$4,000, he's got \$1200 in Helbroses and the rest are World Wide, and so forth, but

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SHUBOW

"I mean good watches. Did you tell him that you had a bunch of watches there you didn't want to give, including the good watches in this?

[REDACTED] "See, that just shows you how things work out trying to be right. Remember originally I showed you an invoice from Aaron Sterns. (PH).

SHUBOW

"Yeh, Aaron Sterns.

[REDACTED] "Yeh, that only amounted to \$260, but still in all they were all Bemus watches, I think there was 12 or 14 Bemus watches. All right when I first showed all these invoices, incidently, this screwball, when he was up to my place, do you tell him, why did you look at \$170,000 merchandise and not just---

SHUBOW

"Yeh, I told him that, yeh.

[REDACTED] "Well, anyway, so anyway when I first showed these invoices to GENE, I showed him, you know, all of them and he seen this here Aaron Sterns. He says, [REDACTED] he says, I'm going to pretend like I didn't see this. He says I'm going to tell you. These two, this group is all the same as far as getting their money from the same sources. (YEH). Now he says I don't care what you do with this I can't tell you what to do, but he says, uh, uh, he says this, you know this can't be part of the deal; now GENE says I'd preferred that you paid him. Now, he told me he wasn't going to mention it, GENE said. Now I didn't say anything to him or anything to him, but when this screwball came to Milwaukee, he pops up and says to me, which of course naturally GENE must have said something, I don't care if he did or didn't but you see GENE must have said something to him. He tells me why I understand you're got some merchandise from a good friend of

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mine. Oh, I said yeh, that's right. He says, Uh, watches. I said that's right, Benas watches. I said incidently that will be the reason why you will not get any watches, you know after all, I don't imagine you want your friends merchandise. He says, no, well he says, you know he's a good friend of mine. And I says, Jesus, is he that really a good friend of yours, and he says yeh. I says you really know him that well. He says yeh. Well (OBSCENE) it don't make that much difference to me. I said we'll probably handle this. Now I didn't tell him how I would handle this or I didn't tell him what I would do, or anything, but I figured, what the hell, for \$250 why should I cause him any aggravations. So we paid that invoice in full. Now I told him, I says, look if we have to pay that invoice in full, you can't very well give you the watches. He says oh, yeh, you know, I understand, he says, that you don't have to pay it if you don't want. Do what you want. All right I figure the hell with it. We'll pay him in full he won't have no aggravations.

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SHUBOW

"What about the other, uh, like Court and Louis watches--

[redacted]  
SHUBOW

"They got all those.

[redacted]  
SHUBOW

"Oh, he got all those.

"Four thousand dollars worth of watches. He got all the Courts, all there is, see Courtwatches are called Prestige Watch Company, (UHM) and he got all of those and there was \$345.60 and

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"In other words he got \$4,000 worth of watches.

[redacted]  
"He's got \$4,000 right now and I've got watches here but I was sending him watches, every trailer load I would send him a box of watches. (UHM). What's the point in loading my trailer up with (UHM), I've actually got about another \$3,000 right here which he would have of eventually gotten in time. But not now.

SHUBOW

"All right listen, I'm leaving for Detroit right now. I'll, I'm going over there tomorrow night. You have [redacted] let [redacted] contact me at my house tomorrow night. That's the best bet.

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[ ] "Tomorrow night.

SHUBOW

"Uhah, tomorrow night, yeh, you see I gotta - my kid's birthday is tomorrow so I'm taking her out to dinner then I'm going up to his place around 9:00.

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[ ] "Now here's the thing, JACK. Here's the big trouble.

SHUBOW

"Yeh, all right if [ ] you thought it was [ ] uh, well if he does decide maybe by tomorrow afternoon I'll be in my place all day tomorrow, maybe he will decide to go up with him. You can talk it over with him today and tomorrow morning.

[ ] "All right I don't think that's a good idea at all, though. But you see this here party we've got here wonders what the hell's going on. He don't know from nothing. (UHM). All he knows is he's getting a stall, a stall, a stall, I mean he is sitting on pins and--(Fades out, end of telephone conversation).

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| TITLE OF CASE<br><b>CHANGED</b><br><b>EUGENE PHILIP GILLIS;</b><br><b>ET AL</b> |                                      | Report made by<br><b>SA</b> [redacted]  | Typed By:<br><b>TRH</b>                         |
| aka.;   |                                      | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN<br/>PROPERTY - CONSPIRACY;<br/>MAIL FRAUD</b> |   |

Special Agent

The title of this case is being marked changed to add as a Subject, EUGENE PHILIP GILLIS, Vice President in Charge of Sales, Empire Amerex Products Corp., Chicago, Ill., who reportedly originally made contact with Subjects' IRVING ISADORE LICHTERMAN and DANIEL EDWARD WIGODSKI in Cleveland, Ohio, for disposing of Scanlon's merchandise.

## REFERENCES

Report of SA [redacted] dated 4/27/59 at Milwaukee.  
Milwaukee airtel to the Bureau dated 5/5/59.  
Cleveland radiograms to Milwaukee dated 5/3/59 and 5/4/59 (inter office).

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## ENCLOSURES

CHICAGO DIVISION: 1 photograph each of Subjects IRVING I. LICHTERMAN and DANIEL WIGODSKI.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

[ ] appeared at the Milwaukee Office on 6/9/59 for interview in accordance with arrangements previously made by [ ] Attorney, 152 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee. He was accompanied by Mr. [ ]

Upon their arrival, Mr. [ ] indicated he would like to be present during the course of the interview. This situation was resolved very quickly and amicably, however, and the interview with [ ] was undertaken without the presence of Mr. [ ] who, according to information in the Milwaukee files, took over some years ago as the chief attorney for the Italian underworld in this city. Information has been received that [ ]

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It will be noted that the interviews of Subjects [ ] and [ ] conducted at a later date, were undertaken without the presence of Mr. [ ]

LEADS

CHICAGO DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

1. Will display enclosed photographs of LICHTERMAN and WIGODSKI to Subject [ ] at [ ] and obtain signed statement relative to his identification of the Cleveland person present in Milwaukee in [ ] room, during September, 1958, when the Scanlon operation was discussed. (See Pages 9 & 10 of report). Will include in signed statement, [ ] identification of the person mourning the death of his father in Detroit, whom [ ] SHUBOW and GILLIS met. (See Page 13 of report). It will be noted that both [ ] (See Page 28 of report) and [ ] (See Page 47 of report) identified LICHTERMAN's photograph as being the person who was present in Milwaukee during September, 1958, when Scanlon's operation was discussed, and that [ ] (See Page 29 of report) identified WIGODSKI as being the person who was mourning the death of his

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father in Detroit. Will include in statement any other changes in original statement, where [ ] speaks of LICHTERMAN or WIGODSKI.

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2. Will display photographs of WIGODSKI and LICHTERMAN to [ ] for identification purposes inasmuch as she was present in [ ] room in Milwaukee during September, 1950, when Scanlon's operation was discussed.

3. Will display photographs of LICHTERMAN and WIGODSKI to [ ] and obtain signed statement re his identification of the person who accompanied by another person inquired of [ ] at Scanlon's warehouse the whereabouts of [ ] or [ ] (See Page 44 of report). [ ] advised during interview, that [ ] can presently be reached through a relative of his at Chicago phone number [ ]

CINCINNATI and DETROIT DIVISIONS (Info)

One copy of instant report is being furnished the Cincinnati and Detroit Divisions in view of the information furnished by [ ] and [ ] relative to the Approved Appliance Company operated by [ ] and the disposition of Approved Appliance's merchandise through JACOB SHUBOW.

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CLEVELAND DIVISION

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

One copy of instant report is being furnished the Cleveland Division in view of the investigation pending in that office.

MILWAUKEE DIVISION

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Will follow and report further Federal Grand Jury and other prosecutive action taken in this case.

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File Number: MI 49-320; Bufile 49-14193

Title:

[REDACTED]  
EUGENE PHILIP GILLIS;  
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Character:

INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY -  
CONSPIRACY; MAIL FRAUD

Synopsis:

Subjects [REDACTED] LICHTERMAN and WIGODSKI all pleaded 5/11/59 not guilty to indictments previously returned by Federal Grand Jury, Milwaukee. Subjects [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at pretrial conference 6/3/59 pleaded guilty each to one count of mail fraud. Subject [REDACTED] pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy. All remaining counts against above three Subjects being held in abeyance. Subjects LICHTERMAN, WIGODSKI and [REDACTED] 6/3/59 did not change their previous not guilty pleas, with Subject SHUBOW pleading not guilty to previous return indictment. Subjects [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] interviewed at Milwaukee Office, and each furnished signed statement relative to entire Scanlon operation. Scanlons originally purchased to be operated as going concern. Operations were unprofitable, and [REDACTED] through SHUBOW and GILLIS arranged to sell majority of Scanlon's merchandise to LICHTERMAN and WIGODSKI at 50 per cent of invoice price; profit resulting to be split 33 1/3 per cent each between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Approximately \$195,000.00 worth of Scanlon's merchandise shipped to E & A Sales, Cleveland, for which only approximately \$35,000.00 received from GILLIS. LICHTERMAN and WIGODSKI claimed poor merchandise and shortages, and at meeting at E & A Sales during latter part of September, 1958, LICHTERMAN and WIGODSKI

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offered to settle for \$27,000.00 to be paid with postdated checks over period of a few months. [ ] and [ ] later made arrangements with SHUBOW and GILLIS to purchase more merchandise through Scanlons and ship same to warehouse rented by SHUBOW in Detroit, to be later sold by SHUBOW on a commission basis. Merchandise shipped to Detroit approximated \$250,000.00. After leaving Milwaukee, [ ] and [ ] met [ ] in Chicago, Ill., where approximately \$13,500.00 was split as profit from operation. LICHTERMAN identified as being in Milwaukee, September, 1958, to discuss Scanlon's operation. [ ] during interview, made available tape recording of phone conversation between [ ] in Milwaukee and GILLIS and SHUBOW in Cleveland, Ohio. Details of conversation set out.

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#### DETAILS

##### AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

The following investigation was conducted by SA [ ] unless otherwise indicated.

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On May 13, 1959, Assistant United States Attorney [ ] advised that Subjects [ ] WIGODSKI and LICHTERMAN appeared before Federal Judge ROBERT E. TEHAN and pleaded not guilty to indictments previously returned on March 13, 1959. [ ] stated that Subjects [ ] and [ ] were not present, and Judge TEHAN entered a plea of not guilty for indictments returned against them on March 13, 1959. [ ] related that the attorney acting on behalf of Subject SHUBOW filed a petition to dismiss the two counts against SHUBOW on the grounds that the indictment contained insufficient information. Judge TEHAN then ordered the attorney to file a Brief and set a pretrial conference for June 3, 1959.

On June 3, 1959, Assistant United States Attorney [ ] advised that at a pretrial conference before Judge ROBERT E. TEHAN, Subjects [ ] and [ ] pleaded guilty each to one count of mail fraud, with Subject [ ] pleading guilty to one count of conspiracy. Mr. [ ] stated that the remaining counts against the above three Subjects are presently being held in abeyance. Mr. [ ] related that at

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the conference, Subjects LICHTERMAN, WIGODSKI and [ ] did not change their previous not guilty pleas and at that time, Subject SHUBOW entered a plea of not guilty to the indictment returned against him March 13, 1959.

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On June 10, 1959, Subject [ ] voluntarily appeared at the Milwaukee Office to be interviewed by SAs [ ] and MAURICE H. PRICE. At that time he furnished the following signed statement:

"Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
"June 10, 1959

"I, [ ] make the following voluntary statement to [ ] and Maurice H. Price who have identified themselves to me as special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises were made to induce me to make this statement, and I understand it can be used against me in a court of law. I further understand that I have a right to an attorney.

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"A few days after July 4, 1958, I, accompanied by [ ] whom I met sometime during 1957 when he worked as a salesman for [ ] at the Coronet Sewing Machine Company in Detroit, Michigan, looked through the papers for business opportunities in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. A day or two later, on a Monday during July, 1958, [ ] saw an ad in the business opportunities column for the sale of Scanlon's TV shop and from the appearance of the ad, [ ] felt this would be ideal for him as he was experienced along the lines of hi-fi and TV sales and had some good ideas of setting up a direct sales operation in the hi-fi business.

[ ] and I went to Milwaukee and answered the ad. Mrs. [ ] and her employee, [ ] were on the premises at about 9:30 in the morning. [ ] looked over the business and I looked over the books and both of us subsequently talked to Mrs. [ ] and [ ]. After talking over the possibilities of the business between ourselves, [ ] and I returned in the afternoon and went with Mrs. [ ] to her attorney's office. A Mr. [ ] where [ ] closed the deal with Mrs. [ ] paying her \$1,000 which he had borrowed from me and

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signed an agreement promising to pay the balance off at \$150 a month. After finding an apartment, [ ] and his wife stayed in Milwaukee and I, accompanied by my wife, returned to Chicago, Illinois. At this time I and [ ] then started concentrating all of our efforts on making a success of our business, the Wvn-Oak Appliance Company in Berwyn, Illinois. At the time [ ] purchased the business from Mrs. [ ]

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[ ] used the name [ ] and I used the name of [ ] We both used fictitious names, partly because we both had police records which would be a handicap if it was found out and partly because if in the event the business was not successful and it was necessary to "skip out" without fully paying the creditors, it would be more difficult to trace us. At the time [ ] purchased Scanlon's, I knew that [ ] was under the impression that he could run a profitable business, and it was in my mind at least that if a profitable business could not be run, there was always the possibility of disposing of a good part of the merchandise through channels, including Jacob Shubow of Rich-Mor Sales, Detroit, Michigan, with whom I have had merchandise transactions before, at less than wholesale cost, and skipping out without paying the creditors.

"The entire month of July was a very hectic and busy month for [ ] and myself as we were in the process of setting up our business in Chicago. There was decorating to do, merchandise to purchase and plans to make for advertising. Very little contact was made with [ ] in Milwaukee except for a couple of phone calls which I made and a trip I made to Milwaukee over a week end. At the time I visited [ ] he was in the process of redecorating and also had the idea of hiring salesmen, which, I am under the impression, he never did. Also during July I received a couple of phone calls at Chicago, Illinois from Jacob Shubow who called me from Detroit. Shubow called hoping that we, myself or [ ] might know of someone else who might have merchandise available. During one of these telephone conversations, Shubow said he had customers all over the country and could handle any amount of merchandise.

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"With the exception of a few phone calls in August, 1958, I or [ ] did not have any personal contact with [ ] to my knowledge. [ ] said on the phone during August, 1958, that everything seemed to be going all right even though he

was not doing too much business.

"Some time around the third week in August, 1958, I and [ ] went to Milwaukee to look over [ ] business, and it seemed he was not very successful and I was about to lose the money that I had loaned. [ ] seemed to have already ordered more merchandise than his business could move rapidly, and since Scanlon's had a very good credit rating, no matter what [ ] ordered it was shipped. The fact that the business was not going well was discussed by [ ] and myself, and it was decided by all three of us to order more merchandise, sell it for what could be had, paying a percentage of what was owed in bills, leave some of the merchandise for creditors and close the business. Since I had prior dealings with Jacob Shubow, it was thought at this time that he might be able to buy all of the merchandise and dispose of it for us. All three of us at this time agreed to split 33 1/3 percent apiece on any profit resulting. At the time that the above plan was formulated, I, in my own mind, knew it was illegal inasmuch as it would be defrauding creditors.

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"After the above agreement was made, [ ] and myself went back to Chicago and I telephoned Jacob Shubow in Detroit and told Shubow that I had merchandise available for sale and that it was a "bankrupt situation." He then agreed to come to Chicago to talk over the situation. A day or two later, Shubow arrived in Chicago, phoned me at my home from the airport, after which I picked him up in my car and drove him to the Morrison Hotel in Chicago, Illinois where Jack took a room. I, accompanied by [ ] showed Shubow in his hotel room the invoices representing the merchandise which [ ] had on hand at Scanlon's in Milwaukee. These invoices all bore the name Scanlon's Radio and Music or Scanlon's Radio and TV, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and they were made available by [ ] at a previous date in anticipation to my showing them to Jacob Shubow. The amount of the invoices at this time accumulated to at least \$20,000, and Shubow took the invoices to show them to a trustworthy partner and come to the amount he would give and also decide how and where the merchandise was to be shipped. At this meeting I also informed Shubow of the unprofitable manner in which Scanlon's in Milwaukee was being operated. To my knowledge, I also explained to Shubow the agreement which was

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entered into in Milwaukee, namely, that more merchandise would be purchased through Scanlon's, subsequently disposed of and what price could be obtained and the profit remaining, if any, would be split equally three ways between [redacted] and myself.

"That same evening [redacted] and I arrived back at Shubow's room at the Morrison Hotel and Shubow was of the feeling that because of the fact that he was going to handle this deal on his own and also because he was good for the money that he should have the merchandise at 50 per cent of invoice price, pay no expenses in moving the merchandise and to have the merchandise on credit. I and [redacted] both explained to Shubow that we had to have money so that [redacted] would be able to pay the cost of receiving the merchandise which was very expensive. Also, a portion would have to be paid to the creditors. Shubow said this was not his concern and that unless we wanted to do business with someone else, this was the only way he would handle it at this time. During the conversation, Shubow said he knew another way the merchandise could be disposed of through a contact with Shubow, but outside of Shubow's business, Rich-Mor Sales, in Detroit, Michigan. Shubow then stated that his brother-in-law, Gene Gillis, had approached him with a good plan to buy bankrupt merchandise that Shubow might come across. Shubow then told me and [redacted] that Gillis and he knew a couple of fellows who could buy a sizeable amount of bankrupt merchandise and that these fellows had bought both stolen and bankrupt merchandise on many occasions before and this would be the best deal as they were very reliable people, would pay cash, pay all the expenses of moving and there would not be any chance of recovering the merchandise. Shubow also said he would guarantee payment of any merchandise sold to these two fellows and that he, Shubow, would get a percentage cut in payment. The meeting ended and later I and [redacted] talked over Shubow's proposition with [redacted] who was not acquainted with either Shubow or Gillis. [redacted] and I both knew Gillis from previous transactions and felt that his word was good. Because we would receive cash, pay off some of the bills and clean everything up quickly, all three of us decided to handle the merchandise according to Shubow's plan.

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"During this time and for a few days, I had various long distance phone conversations with Shubow and discussed the percentage which we would be paid for the merchandise. Finally a figure of fifty per cent of invoice cost was agree upon. Shortly thereafter, I called Shubow in Detroit and advised him we would ship the merchandise according to his plan. Shubow advised me that he had gone over everything with Gillis and that I was to call Gillis at his office in Chicago which was at the Empire Amerex Corporation, and Gene Gillis would thereafter make arrangements with the other parties.

"Some time during the latter part of August, 1958, I called Gillis and arranged to meet him at the Black Steer Restaurant on North Avenue in Chicago. Gillis told me to have all the available invoices with me. At this meeting, Gillis assured me over and over again that there would be no problem on the money as soon as his friends, who were very notorious operators and had all sorts of experience in bankruptcies, received the merchandise from each truck. Gillis also stated he would personally guarantee payment. Gillis then gave me instructions which, he said, his friends in Cleveland had said must be followed to the letter. First, they did not want merchandise delivered by common carrier; second, they wanted an original invoice to accompany each order that was on each truckload; third, they would only be interested if the amount of merchandise was a couple of hundred thousand dollars or more; fourth, the merchandise had to be of high quality. Gillis advised that it was important that the amount of merchandise be large inasmuch as the people he was dealing with were large operators. Gillis also told me that his friends in Cleveland, Ohio, with whom he was dealing, would handle the stripping of labels from the cartons and wanted the merchandise immediately so it could be used there for the Christmas season. Gillis also told me at this time that the people he was dealing with in Cleveland, Ohio, was the E&A Sales Company, and he mentioned the names of Lichterman and Wigodski. Gillis then took the Scanlon invoices, which I had on hand at the time, and kept them for a couple of days, after which he phoned me and returned the invoices. At the time he returned the invoices, he told me to start shipping and that he would guarantee payment of fifty per cent of the full invoice price and the men in Cleveland would pay \$100 to the cost of shipping to their place of busi-

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ness in Cleveland on each truck delivered.

"I thereafter contacted a Robert Williams at the Truckers' Paradise in Chicago, Illinois, to use him to haul the merchandise and through him obtained other drivers. [ ] stayed in Chicago to run the Wyn-Oak Appliance business, and my wife and I went to Milwaukee, Wisconsin around September 1, 1958, rented a room at the Knickerbocker Hotel in Milwaukee and thereafter helped [ ] arrange for the movement of merchandise to Cleveland, Ohio.

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"All during the latter part of August, 1958, Scanlon's purchase orders were prepared and mailed. These purchase orders were prepared by myself and my wife at our home in Chicago, by [ ] at his home in Chicago and also by [ ] in Milwaukee. All of the purchase orders were mailed in Milwaukee.

"The first truckload of merchandise that was sent to E&A Sales in Cleveland was sent by Bob Williams and had in it \$10,337.49 worth of merchandise. A few days later, Gene Gillis telephoned me from Cleveland and said he was talking to Wigodski and Lichterman and that they were happy with what they were getting and to send all that was available, that they could use all they could get. Wigodski got on the phone and kept saying he wants more and to send it fast, fast. Gillis then said that he had the money for the first load in his hands and that he would meet me at his house in Glencoe, Illinois the next Saturday with the money and to keep shipping in the meantime.

"During the first part of September, merchandise was coming into Scanlon's warehouse in West Allis, Wisconsin like water and it seemed that everything that was ordered was being shipped, and the quality was very good. Since it looked as if there would be no trouble with Lichterman and Wigodski in Cleveland and Gillis said he had the money for the first load, more trucks were loaded and shipped to E&A Sales and soon the merchandise shipped to Cleveland had totaled almost \$50,000. During the first half of September, [ ] and I drove to Gene Gillis' home in Glencoe, Illinois. [ ] stayed in the car while I went in to talk to Gene Gillis. Gillis said there were some shortages and that he had on hand for payment for the first

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load some \$4,800 odd dollars. He also stated that Lichterman and Wigodski wanted more than \$200,000 worth of merchandise. I told him that there would not possibly be that much since we did not have the money to pay all of our expenses, but Gene said that would be all right and to keep shipping since they would pay up to date within four or five days. Gillis mentioned that either Lichterman or Wigodski had a death in the family and they were experiencing some difficulties in Cleveland. The \$4,800 which I received was used for paying some bills and some transportation costs, which money was used up very quickly.

"Approximately a week later, on a Wednesday, approximately \$90,000 worth of merchandise had been shipped to E&A Sales in Cleveland and only \$4,800 paid.

"On or about September 1, 1958, I had decided that it would be wise if Scanlon's Radio and Music had a few more credit references which could be used for buying more merchandise. On or about September 1, using the name of [redacted] a representative of the Milwaukee Electronics Corporation, I inquired at the Office Service Center, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as to the possibilities of obtaining mail receiving privileges, which I obtained at that time. Also using the name of [redacted] of the Major Distributing Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, I inquired at the National Branch Offices, Inc., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as to the possibilities of obtaining mail receiving privileges, which I received on that date or a later date. The purpose of my using the above two assumed names and representing myself as a representative of the two named assumed companies was for the purpose of [redacted] using these companies as credit references in the event prospective sellers would require credit references prior to shipping merchandise. To my knowledge, [redacted] did use these two companies on a few occasions in replying to inquiries of prospective sellers.

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"At about 9:30 a.m. on a Wednesday during September, I received a call at the Knickerbocker Hotel from [redacted] an employee of [redacted] at the West Allis warehouse to the effect that a couple of men had been in the warehouse that morning asking a lot of questions, wanting to know how to get in touch with either myself or [redacted]. At approximately 10:00 a.m., a person who identified himself as being Edward Wigodski, phoned and said he arrived in Chicago by plane from Cleveland, Ohio with a friend named [redacted] from Columbus, Ohio, after which

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they rented a car and drove to Milwaukee. I told them to come up to my room at the Knickerbocker Hotel. I know it was on a Wednesday because the Wyn-Oak Appliance Company in Berwyn, Illinois was normally closed on Wednesdays, which made [ ] free to come up to Milwaukee. On this date he was present in my room. Wigodski and his friend came to my room and explained that he was an expert on bankruptcy and that he had some very profitable experiences in the past. Wigodski stated he and his partner at E&A Sales had made a fortune buying bankrupt merchandise and that they had just purchased [ ] excess merchandise not long before. Wigodski also stated he did not bring any money to pay for the merchandise that had already been sent to E&A Sales, as he only wanted to come up to Milwaukee to look over the operation at Scanlon's and see how things were coming and also to look over the merchandise that was to be shipped to E&A Sales and let everyone concerned know he and his partner were happy with the merchandise and to let [ ] know that the arrangement of buying bankrupt merchandise by them would be handled without any hitches. [ ] and I told Wigodski and [ ] there would be only about \$250,000 worth of merchandise available and unless some money was forthcoming soon, we would not have any chance to pay any of the creditors or other bills which had to be paid. Wigodski said they would send some money over by the end of the week and not to worry. While looking over the original invoices of Scanlon's merchandise that he had not received as yet, Wigodski remarked that he and his partner would see to it that if everything was handled the way they wanted it to be, no one should worry as there would be no trouble. [ ] and I told Wigodski that we would have to leave a lot of merchandise and money for the creditors. Wigodski replied that that was not necessary. Present at the above meeting with Wigodski was myself, my [ ] and [ ]. Some time during the conversation, [ ] stepped just inside the door of my room for approximately one minute. I did not introduce him to Wigodski or [ ] but told [ ] that they were the men from Cleveland, that Wigodski was one of the men from E&A Sales to whom we were selling the merchandise. [ ] immediately left, saying he had some work to do. After the meeting with Wigodski, [ ] and his wife went back to Chicago and I stayed in Milwaukee to assist [ ] in receiving and sending the merchandise by truck to Cleveland, which was accumulating fast. Also during this time, I assisted [ ]

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by typing up purchase orders for merchandise we had planned to receive at a later date.

"A day or two following the meeting with Wigodski in Milwaukee, I called Gene Gillis and Jack Shubow to tell them that even though they had guaranteed the money, [redacted] and I were worried about things in general as the bills were piling up and we were hardly able to pay for the freight bills with the money that was available. Shubow and Gillis both assured that everything would be all right. During the next few days, many conversations took place between myself, Shubow and Gillis relative to monetary funds which we needed and I personally had drained what little money I had in my business at Berwyn, Illinois to help ward off the creditors. By about the second week in September, we had shipped approximately \$125,000 invoice value of merchandise to E&A Sales, Cleveland, Ohio, and it appeared that because of the shortage of working capital caused by paying the freight and receiving expenses on merchandise, that the business could not continue much longer. I talked to Gene Gillis on the telephone, and he advised me that Lichterman and Wigodski were to pay him all the money owing on the following day. The next day I called Gene and he said that Lichterman and Wigodski had not come to Detroit as they stated they would and that he was going to Cleveland. A couple days later he called me long distance from Detroit. He told me he had been to Cleveland. He asked me to come to Chicago and meet with him and said that he had the money. The day following this conversation I did drive to Chicago in my own automobile, and I went to Gene Gillis' office at the Empire Amerex Company on Talman Street. Gene Gillis told me at that time that Lichterman and Wigodski had advised him they were running behind in sorting the merchandise. Gene said that they had not returned the invoices to him but had sent along \$15,000 to show their good intentions. I told Gene Gillis that this would not even cover the freight on the merchandise and that [redacted] and I were worried about our inability to make any payment to the creditors. Gene Gillis reassured me and told me not to worry. He said one reason for the delay was that Lichterman's father was ill. Gene said he would go to Cleveland again in a few days for the purpose of collecting the money.

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"About this time (the middle of September, 1958), we had re-

ceived at Milwaukee in the name of Scanlon's approximately \$180,000 invoice value of merchandise. [redacted]

[redacted] and I had decided that as soon as a little more merchandise came in, no more merchandise would be ordered, and we would take part of the money to be received from E&A Sales and use it to pacify the creditors. A few days later [redacted] called me from Chicago. He advised me that he had received a telephone call from Gene Gillis from Detroit. Gillis said he had gone to Cleveland. Gillis met with [redacted] and turned over \$15,000. [redacted] pointed out to Gene that the amount of money received so far was hardly enough to cover the expense incurred. Gene said he was guaranteeing the money and positively by the end of the week all the money due would be paid. By the end of the third week of September, no more money had arrived. I talked to Gene on the telephone and Gene said he was going to Detroit for the purpose of collecting from Lichterman. By this time we had shipped eighteen loads of merchandise to Cleveland.

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"For each of the eighteen truckloads of merchandise that went to E&A Sales in Cleveland, Ohio, I gave to each trucker at the warehouse in West Allis, Wisconsin, a manilla envelope containing the invoices of the merchandise which was loaded onto each truck. Also included in the manilla envelope was an adding machine tape of the invoice amounts. I also kept a copy of this tape. On the face of each envelope I put E&A Sales, 7640 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, in order to guide the truck driver to his destination. On some of the envelopes, I had "Attention Irv," which meant Irving Lichterman.

"I advised Gene Gillis by long distance telephone that we just could not order any more merchandise and that Lichterman and Wigodski had received \$196,000 worth of merchandise. Gene said that he had called Cleveland and had been very surprised at the attitude of Lichterman and Wigodski. They had maintained that some of the merchandise was missing, was not of the quality expected and indicated that they were not satisfied with the arrangements and would not pay any more until a meeting was arranged to iron some things out. I told Gene Gillis we could not stall the creditors any longer and could not understand how any misunderstandings could have arisen at this time after having shipped eighteen loads. I then called

Wigodski at E&A Sales, Cleveland, Ohio, from Scanlon's in Milwaukee and [redacted] listened in on the call. Wigodski was very belligerent, said he was not going to pay and there was nothing we could do about it. He laughed when I reminded him that Gene Gillis had guaranteed the money. He said he did not care what happened to [redacted] or the other parties concerned and that if he decided to pay no more money, there was nothing that could be done to him and his partner. He then said that if we wanted any more money at all, [redacted] and I had better come to Cleveland and talk it over. This was, as I recall, in the third week of September, 1958. I telephoned Gene Gillis and Jack Shubow at Detroit, Michigan and advised them of my long distance conversation with Wigodski. They stated they considered his actions unreasonable but thought things would work out okay and we would receive all the money due. They said they would go to Cleveland themselves for the purpose of straightening things out. I then called [redacted] and advised him of the foregoing. The next evening Gene Gillis called me from E&A Sales in Cleveland. He said both Jack Shubow and he had talked to Wigodski and could not make any sense out of what he was saying. He told me that either [redacted] or I should make a trip to Detroit and try to talk to Wigodski's partner, Lichterman, who, they were sure would be more reasonable.

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"I made a long distance conference telephone call from Scanlon's in Milwaukee to Gene Gillis and Jack Shubow in Detroit. [redacted] at Wyn-Oak Appliance Store at Berwyn, Illinois was also tied in on this conference call. I talked to Gillis and Shubow about this situation, and [redacted] volunteered to go and see Lichterman. At this time, which was about the second or third week in September, 1958, [redacted] went to Detroit and talked to Shubow, who felt that maybe all parties concerned should be at Detroit to talk to Lichterman. [redacted] called me in Milwaukee and I made arrangements to fly to Detroit. Gillis also came to Detroit and [redacted] and I met Gillis and Shubow at a restaurant in Detroit on a Sunday night. Again I was very worried about the situation but Shubow and Gillis were very reassuring. All of us went in Shubow's car to a house, address unknown, in Detroit, where Lichterman was mourning the death of his father. Lichterman came out to the car and he seemed to be willing to clean up the entire mess and that if all parties would come to their place of business in Cleveland the next day, they would pay [redacted] and myself in full and the creditors

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would be pacified. Lichterman advised he was an expert on bankruptcy and told [ ] and myself not to worry. He further stated that the source of the money with which he and Wigodski were to pay for Scanlon's merchandise was coming from some "rough" individuals to whom they had to pay a high rate of interest. He stated Wigodski had promised them a high rate of interest and as such, Wigodski was trying to obtain Scanlon's merchandise at a lower dollar figure. Shubow arranged to pick up [ ] and myself the next day and all three of us drove to Cleveland. Gillis took the plane. After arriving in Cleveland, [ ] and myself checked into a hotel in Cleveland, name unknown, and at that time we charged the bill to the Diner's Club card in the name of Scanlon's Radio and Music. At approximately 8:30 to 8:45 p.m. that evening, we went to E&A Sales Company and saw Gillis, Wigodski and Lichterman. The meeting took place after the closing of their store. Lichterman stated he had been in many bankrupt deals, had gone bankrupt before and at this time he and Wigodski had decided that they were only going to pay 35 per cent of the invoice price for the merchandise instead of fifty per cent, that they also had plenty of shortages for which they would have to deduct and that they would pay nothing for the expense of moving the merchandise from Milwaukee to Cleveland. He stated he and Wigodski had decided to pay \$27,000 which would be in the form of dated checks over the period of the next few months. Gillis and Shubow acted very surprised and [ ] and myself were not only shocked but actually sick. I tried with all my might to explain that we had to receive money shortly in order to pacify creditors, otherwise we would be in a pot of trouble. [ ] also tried to talk some sense to Wigodski and Lichterman. Wigodski just laughed and stated that if there was any trouble, he would see to it that [ ] and I would be taken care of as he was a member of the "syndicate" or that he had powerful friends and told us at that time to get out of his place of business.

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"At this time Gillis, Shubow, [ ] and myself stepped out of the office and I explained to the three of them that I wanted to go back to Milwaukee and throw myself at the mercy of the creditors and tell them where the merchandise was. Both Shubow and Gillis advised that that was not wise since it would place themselves in a bad position. Shubow and Gillis then recommended

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that we continue the Scanlon operation, purchase approximately another \$200,000 in merchandise, after which Gillis and Shubow could dispose of it through their own channels, receiving an average of 70 to 75 per cent of the invoice price. Both Shubow and Gillis wanted us to accept the \$27,000 offered to us, which [ ] and I agreed to do. Gillis and Shubow thereafter went back into the office and told Lichterman and Wigodski that [ ] and I agreed to accept the \$27,000 fee. [ ] and I then walked into the office, at which time either Lichterman or Wigodski advised that the \$27,000 was not available at this time but would be paid through Shubow and Gillis in the next couple of days for sure.

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"Gillis, Shubow, [ ] and myself drove to the airport as Gene had reservations for a plane. A couple of hours was spent discussing the turn of events and plans were more or less made at that time for purchasing further merchandise and channeling it through Shubow and Gillis. To my recollection, at this time [ ] had already arranged through Shubow to obtain warehouse facilities in Detroit and a truckload or two of merchandise had already been sent to Detroit. The night following the meeting in Cleveland, [ ] and I stayed at a hotel in Cleveland while Shubow drove back to Detroit by himself. The next day I flew to Milwaukee with Halpin.

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"After I arrived in Milwaukee, it was apparent that an enormous amount of pressure was building up since there was no actual cash for anyone, but we were hoping that Gillis and Shubow would be able to sell the merchandise at a high percentage of invoice price so some money could be left the creditors and no trouble would come from the operation. Merchandise, during this time, was being shipped to Detroit on a regular schedule and in not more than another twelve days, things were built up to such a point that they were extremely bad. I placed a call to Shubow in Detroit and he told me to ship everything I possibly could to Detroit, that he and Gene were having good luck at selling it and he would have a sizeable amount of cash available.

"During the latter part of September, 1958, Gillis telephoned me in Milwaukee and said that Lichterman and Wigodski in Cleveland had given him post-dated checks totaling \$27,000

made out in \$2,000 and \$3,000 amounts and that we should take this and forget about a bad deal. He said he had given the first three or four checks to Jack Shubow and one would be due soon. He also stated he was sending quite a few buyers to Jack and that Jack should have the merchandise all sold soon. As of October 9 or 10, 1958, the merchandise shipped to Detroit totaled approximately \$200,000.

"On a Friday night [ ] cleaned out all of the remaining merchandise and sent it to Detroit. [ ] took [ ] personal clothes and belongings in a small truck to the Wyn-Oak Appliance Store, Berwyn, Illinois. [ ] also took all the office equipment and store fixtures in a truck to Detroit. On October 10, 11 or 12, 1958, I, [ ] and [ ] went to Detroit where I met [ ] at Jack Shubow's warehouse. Shubow said he would buy everything except the store fixtures and golf equipment. Such items he could not sell in his place of business. Those items that Shubow did not accept, I gave to [ ] to bring to the house of [ ] and [ ] who were friends of [ ] and [ ]. When I got to Detroit, Shubow also told me that he had a lot of merchandise sold so far but was only able to obtain 40 to 45 per cent of the invoice price and to date most of the money had not been collected. At that time Shubow gave me about \$8,000 in approximately three checks made out to cash. He said he cashed one of the checks which was received from Lichterman in the amount of approximately \$2,700, and that amount was included in the \$8,000. I took these checks and gave them to [ ] of the Northern Discount Company, Detroit, Michigan, and asked him to please convert them into cash.

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"Around the third week in October, 1958, Jack Shubow contacted me at the motel, name unknown, where I was staying and told me that the government had questioned one of the parties to whom he had sold Scanlon's merchandise. He also said he wanted to meet me at the Windsor Bridge as he had a good plan for disposing of the remainder of the merchandise. I met Shubow and he said he had a good idea to offer the entire amount of merchandise on hand in Detroit to Jessie Baron of Baron Distributors in Windsor, Ontario for 35 per cent of the invoice price since if it was not moved from Detroit immediately, the government would find it. He also stated that if we sent it to Windsor it could not be traced. I agreed and when we both arrived at Jessie Baron's place of business,



Shubow offered the entire amount to Jessie for 35 per cent of the invoice price. Jessie claimed he was interested but would go ahead and take it all for that figure as long as he could pay for it as it was sold. Jessie also said he was opening a new operation in Windsor and would have no trouble selling it.

"A few days later Shubow again called me in Detroit and told me it was important to see me. We met at the Northern Discount Company and Jessie Baron was present. Shubow and Jessie then told me that a bunch of very tough Windsor hoodlums had intimidated Jessie and had threatened to kill Jessie if he did not give them all the merchandise. Both Shubow and Jessie said they had never seen these individuals before, and there was not anything they could do. That night [redacted] and [redacted] arrived in Detroit after being out of the city for a few days and could hardly believe what had happened after I told them.

"The following morning Shubow, Baron, [redacted] and I met at Stafford's Restaurant in Detroit, whereupon Shubow stated he had destroyed all of Scanlon's invoices, that he and Baron were washing their hands of the entire affair and that he thought [redacted] should run. I talked the matter over with [redacted] and [redacted] and it was decided [redacted] and myself would return to Chicago and that [redacted] should lay low for a while. A few days later, Shubow called me and said he was canceling the \$8,000 in checks that he had previously given to me. To my knowledge, these checks were canceled except for one from which I finally received the cash.

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"On the following Sunday, [redacted] and I went back to Chicago and returned to work at the Wyn-Oak Appliance Store and the next day I called Jack Shubow, who told me the FBI was looking for us and that we had better be careful. He also stated the government had confiscated all of the merchandise in Detroit. I also called Gene Gillis and arranged to meet him with [redacted] the next day at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago. At that meeting Gillis stated that Lichterman and Wigodski wanted the post-dated checks back but he, Gillis, refused to send them and, in fact, had destroyed them. Gene also related that the man in Cleveland had said that if [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted] kept their mouths shut, they would see

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that they would receive \$30,000, that their attorneys' fees would be paid and that no one had better talk.

"Without telling our wives where we were going, [redacted] and I left Chicago, stayed in Miami, Florida, for two days and then went to Marathon, Florida. The only persons with whom we kept in touch were Shubow and Gillis, but we never informed either of the two of our location. During these telephone contacts with Shubow and Gillis, to my knowledge Shubow and Gillis both stated that Wigodski and Lichterman were going to pay all of our attorneys' fees and turn \$27,000 over to us.

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"After several weeks I contacted a friend in Miami, Florida, who also happened to be an attorney. This attorney checked into the situation, which took about ten days, and then advised both [redacted] and myself to back to Detroit and turn ourselves in. [redacted] and I went to Detroit, turned ourselves in and at that time found out that [redacted] had also been arrested."

"I have read the above type written statement consisting of 24 pages and to my best recollection it is true & correct. I have also initialed each page & correction."

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"Signed: [redacted] June 10, 1959"

"Witness:

[redacted] Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
6/10/59.

"Maurice H. Price, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Milwaukee, Wisc 6/10/59"



OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC (49-320)

DATE: 6/19/59  
Dictated: 6/15/59

FROM: SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] aka.;

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On June 9, [REDACTED] made himself available at the Milwaukee Division, at which time he furnished the following information to SAS [REDACTED] and MAURICE H. PRICE. He declined to furnish a signed statement relative to this information.

During the winter of 1958, [REDACTED] had been residing in Florida, and it had been a couple of months since he had found a job which was constructive. He advised that he had talked to [REDACTED] long distance several times and more and more he became interested in the business venture offered to him by [REDACTED] and one, [REDACTED] concerning the possibilities of [REDACTED] business. The Approved Appliance Company in Cincinnati, Ohio. [REDACTED] stated that around March, 1958, he and his wife came to Detroit, Michigan to complete the disposition of their affairs and to move to Florida permanently. When he was in Detroit, he changed his mind and decided to help [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] wind up [REDACTED] business in Detroit. [REDACTED] stated that he returned to Florida with his wife to wind up their affairs in Florida and to pick up their car to return directly to Cincinnati, Ohio during the middle of April, 1958. Upon arriving in Cincinnati, [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had already started to liquidate [REDACTED] business and that he, [REDACTED] joined in to give some assistance.

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During May, 1958, he and [REDACTED] accompanied by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] went to Chicago, Illinois with the thought of starting an appliance business, since the climate for the business seemed better in Chicago than Detroit. During the latter part of May, 1958, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] negotiated a lease in Berwyn, Illinois, for the purpose of operating an applicant store. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] purchased a one ton truck in Detroit and hired two former employees, [REDACTED]

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[ ] and [ ] to be used at the business. At this time, he learned that the merchandise that [ ] had purchased for his store in Cincinnati had quickly began to accumulate and [ ] and [ ] used the truck that [ ] purchased to move some of the merchandise to the building, which he and [ ] had leased and which they were beginning to equip as an appliance store in Berwyn, Illinois.

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After [ ] had closed his store in Cincinnati, he learned that he wired his friend, [ ] some money to come to Detroit to accompany him back to California to help [ ] sell his sport's car. To his knowledge, [ ] arrived in Detroit the first part of June, 1958, and he went to work for [ ] and [ ] in their business in Detroit.

Somewhere around the second week of May, 1958, he telephoned JACK SHUBOW in Detroit, whom he knew for having a reputation for buying merchandise in large quantities and no questions asked if the price was right. He told JACK that he knew of a company that had plans for going out of business shortly, and that this company wanted to sell their inventory of merchandise. JACK asked him what type of merchandise do they have, where did the merchandise come from, and how much did they want for it. SHUBOW then suggested that if it is bankrupt merchandise, he felt he had better meet [ ] and said he would fly right over at the end of the week to make the arrangements which [ ] agreed. [ ] stated that SHUBOW then related that he would like to bring another person along as they might buy the merchandise together and ship it all to Windsor, since this other person, JESSIE BERON, had a lot of money. [ ] stated that it was agreed that SHUBOW and JESSIE would come to Chicago a few days later.

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[ ] advised that SHUBOW and BERON flew to Chicago at a later date and looked over the merchandise, which had come to his appliance store in Berwyn from the appliance company in Cincinnati. Present in addition to SHUBOW and BERON at this time was [ ] and [ ]

[ ] stated that there was approximately \$25,000.00 worth of merchandise on hand and after viewing the merchandise, SHUBOW, BERON, [ ] and himself went up to the balcony of the story to discuss the matter. [ ] stated that SHUBOW then asked where the merchandise came from, and that he, [ ] explained that a sewing machine company in Cincinnati was having a hard time making ends meet, and that this company's

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owner had ordered all of his merchandise and was ordering more at this time prior to going bankrupt. [ ] related that he told SHUBOW at this time that approximately one-half of the merchandise had arrived at Berwyn, and that the owner wanted to sell all of it as quickly as possible before the creditors could touch it. SHUBOW then inquired as to what price was being asked if he purchased all of the merchandise at the present time and the rest that would come in later.

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[ ] advised that he told SHUBOW that inasmuch as he, [ ] and [ ] were only acting as agents for the third party who actually owned the business in Cincinnati, the final decision on price would be up to the third party. SHUBOW then asked who the third party was, which [ ] told him was a [ ] whom SHUBOW knew.

SHUBOW then told [ ] and [ ] that in order for him, SHUBOW, to appear as an agent, he did not want anyone to know that he was acquainted with [ ] in this type of transaction. SHUBOW stated that he only wanted to transact the business through [ ] or [ ]. Later in the day,

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[ ] showed SHUBOW the invoices of the merchandise which was on hand at the moment which SHUBOW looked over. [ ] related that SHUBOW at that time stated that because of the small amount that each creditor was owed for the merchandise, he felt it would not be necessary to leave any money on merchandise for the creditors. SHUBOW told [ ] and [ ] that he and JESSIE would be in a position to buy all of the merchandise that was available, and that they would pay cash for everything as soon as it arrived. Moreover, they were going to take the merchandise into Canada and the way they were going to sell it, no one would be able to trace it.

[ ] stated he asked SHUBOW how much he would pay. SHUBOW retorted because it was bankrupt merchandise and it would be sold quick and cheap, he could not give more than 50 per cent of the invoice value. [ ] stated that he and [ ] were shocked at this offer and refused to accept and offered to drive SHUBOW and BERON to the airport. SHUBOW, thereafter, kept going over the reasons why 50 per cent would be a good price, and later [ ] called [ ] and told him of the events that transpired. [ ] on the phone told [ ] to take whatever they could get for the merchandise. While driving to the airport, SHUBOW offered to give 50 per cent of the invoice value of the merchandise, pay all of the expenses to transfer it to his warehouse in Detroit, strip all the labels,

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and be fully responsible for the merchandise once it arrived in Detroit. SHUBOW also demanded that arrangements to move the merchandise be made through some independent trucker, rather than a common carrier. [ ] stated he made the arrangements to move the merchandise through the Trucker's Paradise in Chicago, Illinois, and the majority of it was moved by a truck owner named BOB WILLIAMS, with a portion of it moved with the one-ton truck by [ ] and [ ]

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[ ] stated that he acknowledged that SHUBOW and BERON made arrangements to have trucks from Windsor, Canada waiting in Detroit as the merchandise came in, and it was quickly moved by truck from Rich-Mor Sales in Detroit to Windsor, Canada, where BERON had his place of business. In the merchandise which came from Cincinnati and was sold to SHUBOW, there was a photocopy machine, which SHUBOW kept for his office use and LUDWIG, last name unknown, employee of SHUBOW's, made copies on this machine of all the original invoices which SHUBOW said he needed.

[ ] went on to say after deducting all freight charges and errors in billing, SHUBOW and BERON gave he, [ ] and [ ] 50 per cent of the invoice value which amounted to approximately \$50,000.00. [ ] stated that SHUBOW after completing the entire transaction in the middle of June, 1958, told [ ] and [ ] that no matter how or when, to contact SHUBOW first, and he would be the best one to purchase any merchandise that [ ] and [ ] might come across. [ ] related that SHUBOW at this time also provided several trade catalogs of manufacturers which he said would be helpful in case it was not known from whom they could order merchandise from. [ ] related that in a passing remark, SHUBOW stated not to worry about anything as he was removing all labels from the merchandise, and that there would never be any trace of it.

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During the interview on June 10, 1959, [ ] was shown an adding machine tape, upon which were eighteen dollar figures which added up to the total of \$195,548.52.

[ ] identified this tape and initialled it as being the adding machine tape which he prepared representing the truck loads of merchandise which was shipped from Scanlon's warehouse in West Allis, Wisconsin to E & A Sales, Cleveland, Ohio.

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Prior to furnishing the above information, [ ] was advised that he need not give the above information and that if it was given, it could be used against him in a court of law. He was also advised that he had the right to an attorney.

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On June 20, 1959, [redacted] voluntarily appeared at the Milwaukee Office and was interviewed by SAs [redacted] and MAURICE H. PRICE. He returned on June 29, 1959 and signed the following statement:

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"Milwaukee, Wisconsin

"June 29, 1959

"I, [redacted] make the following voluntary signed statement to [redacted] and Maurice H. Price who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises were made to induce me to make this statement and I understand it can be used against me in a court of law. I further understand I have a right to an attorney.

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"I first became acquainted with [redacted] sometime during 1956 when he was employed by me at the Coronet Sewing Machine Company at Detroit, Michigan. I started the Coronet Company around April, 1956, and it was dissolved sometime during September, 1957. Sometime during September, 1957, I incorporated the Grand Sales Company, which business lasted until approximately February, 1958.

"Sometime during May, 1958, I, [redacted] accompanied by [redacted] and [redacted] went to Chicago, Illinois from Detroit, after which [redacted] and myself negotiated a lease in Berwyn, Illinois for the purpose of operating an appliance store called Wyn-Oak Appliance Company. From May through July of 1958 most of my efforts were directed at starting and running this business.

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"Sometime after July 4, 1958, I learned through [redacted] that he accompanied [redacted] to Milwaukee for the purpose of [redacted] buying and operating a radio and TV store in that city. I more or less assumed that [redacted] was a partner with [redacted] in the store that [redacted] had purchased inasmuch as [redacted] had loaned [redacted] some money for the down payment. I later learned that the name of the business in Milwaukee was Scanlon's Radio and Music.

"I also learned through [redacted] that at the time of buying



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Scanlon's. [ ] used the name [ ] and [ ] used the name [ ]. It was my assumption that they used fictitious names inasmuch as they both had police records which would be a handicap if it was found out. It was also my impression that [ ] purchased the business with the primary intent of running a going concern.

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"During the greater part of July, 1958, my efforts, as well as [ ] were concentrated on running the Wyn-Oak Appliance Store and [ ] had little contact with [ ] other than long distance phone calls. During the month of July I do not recall ever contacting [ ] however, sometime during the latter part of July or early August, 1958, I did accompany [ ] to Milwaukee and at that time [ ] and myself discussed Scanlon's and it was my opinion that inasmuch as it was a choice business with good credit and a desirable location, [ ] could run a profitable organization. To my knowledge, he did not stay overnight in Milwaukee and the same day [ ] and I returned to Berwyn.

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"Sometime during the latter part of July or early part of August, 1958, I was aware that [ ] had long distance telephone conversations with Jacob Shubow of Rich-Mor Sales in Detroit, Michigan. As I learned from [ ] during these phone conversations, Shubow made inquiries as to the possibility of obtaining merchandise at less than wholesale cost. I was acquainted with Jacob Shubow inasmuch as [ ] and I had prior dealings with him concerning his purchase of merchandise at less than wholesale cost.

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"During the latter part of July and early part of August, 1958, [ ] became aware that the Scanlon's business in Milwaukee was not being run profitably and he was worried about losing his investment. During this time [ ] and I discussed the possibility of Scanlon's purchasing a sizeable amount of merchandise, selling the greater portion through Shubow at less than our wholesale cost, pay some of the creditors of Scanlon's and thereafter make a partial settlement with the remainder of the creditors. During these conversations with [ ] and I more or less agreed that any profit occurring from such an operation would be split between [ ]

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and myself on the basis of 33 1/3 per cent a piece. While formulating the above plan I was not aware that such an operation would be a violation of a criminal code; however, I did know that the creditors of Scanlon's had a right to any profit that we would make and I knew that if we withheld any profit from the creditors that we would be defrauding them.

"I do not recall any meeting between [redacted] and myself whereby we formally agreed to split the profits 33 1/3 per cent each, but I know that [redacted] had discussed such a plan with [redacted] via telephone and he agreed also.

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"Sometime during the middle of August, 1958, I was aware that [redacted] made a long distance phone call to Jacob Shubow in Detroit, at which time [redacted] told Shubow that there was merchandise available for sale and asked Shubow if he could take the merchandise and pay somewhere between 75 per cent and 95 per cent of wholesale cost.

"During the middle of August, Shubow came to Chicago and stayed at the Morrison Hotel. I, accompanied by [redacted] showed Shubow in his hotel room the invoices representing the merchandise which [redacted] had on hand at Scanlon's in Milwaukee. These invoices all bore the name Scanlon's Radio and Music or Scanlon's Radio and TV, Milwaukee Wisconsin, and they were made available by [redacted] at a previous date in anticipation to showing them to Shubow. The amount of the invoices at this time accumulated to at least \$20,000 and Shubow took the invoices to show them to a trustworthy partner and come to the amount he would give for the merchandise and also decide how and where the merchandise was to be shipped. At this meeting [redacted] and I also informed Shubow of the unprofitable manner in which Scanlon's in Milwaukee was being operated. To my knowledge, also explained to Shubow was the agreement which had been entered into, namely, that more merchandise would be purchased through Scanlon's, subsequently disposed of at what price could be obtained, make a partial settlement with the creditors and the profit remaining, if any, would be split equally three ways between [redacted] and myself.

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"That same evening [redacted] and I met with Shubow once again, at which time he stated that he discussed the entire matter with Gene Gillis, his brother-in-law and the interested parties

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to whom the merchandise was ultimately going agreed to pay 35 per cent of the invoice price. Shubow stated that the people with whom he was dealing with were very big operators, were reliable people, and pay cash and had experience dealing in bankrupt type merchandise. Shubow asked [ ] and myself what would be the lowest price we would accept and we told him 50 per cent of the invoice price. After further conversation, to my knowledge, it was agreed that evening that we would be paid 50 per cent of invoice price. Shubow also said he would guarantee payment of any merchandise sold to these fellows and that he, Shubow, would get a percentage cut in payment. The meeting ended and later [ ] and I talked over Shubow's proposition with [ ] who is not acquainted with either Shubow or Gillis. [ ] and I both knew Gillis from previous transactions and felt that because we would receive cash we would be able to pay off some of the bills and clean everything up quickly.

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"To my recollection, the Scanlon's invoices which we had previously given to Shubow were picked up the following day at the Morrison Hotel in Chicago and Shubow returned to Detroit.

"A few days following the meeting of Shubow, I recall [ ] going to the Black Steer Restaurant in Chicago for the purpose of meeting Gillis and making arrangements to purchase more merchandise through Scanlon's and thereafter sell that merchandise to individuals with whom Gene Gillis would make contact. I was not present at that meeting but [ ] later advised me what took place. [ ] stated that Gillis assured him over and over again that there would be no problem on the money as soon as his friends, who had experiences in bankrupt merchandise before received the merchandise from each truck.

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[ ] advised that Gillis said that he would personally guarantee payment and that Gillis gave him, [ ] instructions which Gillis stated must be followed to the letter. First, they did not want merchandise delivered by common carrier; second, they wanted an original invoice to accompany each order that was on each truckload; third, they would only be interested if the amount of merchandise was a couple of hundred thousand dollars or more; fourth, the merchandise had to be of high quality. [ ] related that Gillis told him that the people in Cleveland, Ohio, who would be getting the merchandise would



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handle the stripping of all labels from the cartons and tented the merchandise so it could be used there for the Christmas season. I do not recall [ ] mentioning the names of the people in Cleveland who would receive the merchandise at this time.

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"All during the latter part of August, Scanlon's purchase orders were prepared and mailed. These purchase orders were prepared by myself, [ ] All of the purchase orders were mailed in Milwaukee.

[ ] with whom I was living, was never explained the details of the Scanlon's operation or with whom we were dealing but she was aware that [ ] and myself were to split any profit equally three ways.

"During the first two weeks of September, 1958, I came to Milwaukee only on Tuesday evenings and returned to Berwyn on Wednesday evenings. During this time I was accompanied by [ ] and assisted in writing out purchase orders. During the first half of September, 1958, merchandise was coming into Scanlon's at a very rapid pace and the quality of the merchandise seemed to be very good. I learned through either [ ] or [ ] that they had driven to Gene Gillis' home in Glenview, Illinois, and during that visit Gillis had paid [ ] a few thousand dollars, the exact amount I am not aware of but such amount representing a part payment from the persons with whom we were dealing with at Cleveland, Ohio.

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"During the early part of September, 1958, [ ] discussed with me and [ ] the possibility of setting up further credit references in the event that they were needed to receive merchandise more easily. I was aware that [ ] using a fictitious name and posing as a representative of a fictitious company, set up mail receiving privileges at two different places in Milwaukee. The purpose of [ ] using the two fictitious names and posing as a representative of two fictitious companies was for the purpose of [ ] using these companies as credit references in the event prospective suppliers would require credit references prior to shipping merchandise.

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"Around the middle of September, 1958, while I was with

[redacted] in his room at the Knickerbocker Hotel in Milwaukee, two persons who identified themselves as being Irving Lichterman and [redacted] last name unknown, from Columbus, Ohio, came to [redacted] room. Lichterman, who was with the E&A Sales Company in Cleveland, Ohio, stated that he and his partner at E&A Sales had made a fortune buying bankrupt merchandise and that they had just purchased [redacted] excess merchandise not long before. Lichterman stated that he came to Milwaukee to look over Scanlon's operation and to see how things were coming. He also stated he wanted to let everyone concerned know he and his partner Ed Wigodski were happy with the merchandise and to let [redacted] know that the arrangement of buying bankrupt merchandise from them would be handled without any hitches. Lichterman made it specific that he wanted to buy all of the merchandise that was being purchased by Scanlon's. Both [redacted] and myself told Lichterman that there would be only about \$250,000 worth of merchandise available and unless some money was forthcoming soon we would not have any chance to pay any of the creditors or other bills which had to be paid. Lichterman stated that they would send over some money by the end of the week and not to worry. [redacted] and I told Lichterman that we would have to leave a lot of merchandise for the creditors. Lichterman replied that that was not necessary. Present at the above meeting with Lichterman was myself, [redacted] and [redacted] I recall during the meeting [redacted] stepped inside the door for approximately one minute. He was not introduced to either Lichterman or [redacted] and immediately left saying that he had some work to do. After the meeting [redacted] and myself returned to Chicago and [redacted] and his wife stayed in Milwaukee.

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"I have been shown a photograph of Irving Lichterman which I have identified as being the Irving Lichterman mentioned above who was present at a meeting in [redacted] room at the Knickerbocker Hotel, Milwaukee.

"All during the middle of September, 1958, merchandise came into Scanlon's at a tremendous rate and during the last two weeks of September, 1958, I came to Milwaukee to assist approximately two times a week and although approximately \$180,000 worth of merchandise was shipped to E&A Sales by approximately the third week in September, little money was received by [redacted] in payment.

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"I recall around the third week in September, 1958, I met

with Gene Gillis at his office at the Empire Amerex Company in Chicago, at which time he gave me approximately \$15,000 in cash as a partial payment for the merchandise which was shipped to E&A Sales. Part of this amount I put in a safety deposit box in Chicago, Illinois, and I gave the remainder to [redacted] to pay the necessary expenses in Milwaukee. Around this time I learned through [redacted] that approximately \$196,000 worth of merchandise had been shipped and that during phone conversations Lichterman and Wigodski had maintained that some of the merchandise was missing and was not of the quality expected. They also indicated that they were not satisfied with the arrangements and would not pay any more money until a meeting was arranged to iron some things out. [redacted] advised me that he also telephoned Gillis and Shubow relative to the fact that they were not receiving the money due from E&A Sales and during a long distance conference telephone call made by [redacted] in Milwaukee to Gene Gillis and Jack Shubow with myself being tied in at a phone at the Wyn-Oak Appliance Store, it was decided that I would go to Detroit to talk over the situation with Wigodski. After I got to Detroit it was decided that [redacted] should also be present and thereafter [redacted] came to Detroit. Gillis, [redacted] and myself accompanied by Shubow drove in Shubow's car to a house, address unknown, in Detroit, where Wigodski was mourning the death of his father. Wigodski came out to the car and he seemed to be willing to clean up the entire mess and stated that if all parties would come to E&A Sales in Cleveland the next day, they would pay [redacted] and myself in full. Shubow arranged to pick up [redacted] and myself the next day and all three of us drove to Cleveland the next day. Gillis took the plane. After arriving in Cleveland, [redacted] and myself checked into a hotel at Cleveland, name unknown, and at that time we charged the bill to the Diner's Club card in the name of Scanlon's Radio and Music. Around nine o'clock that evening we went to E&A Sales Company and had a meeting with Gillis, Wigodski and Lichterman. At this meeting, which lasted about three hours, Lichterman and Wigodski stated that they had been in many bankrupt deals before and that they had decided they were only going to pay 35 per cent of the invoice price for Scanlon's merchandise instead of 50 per cent, that they also had plenty of shortages for which they would have to deduct and that they would pay nothing for the expense of moving the merchandise from Milwaukee to Cleveland. Wigodski

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and Lichterman stated that they had determined they owed \$27,000 to us which they would pay in the form of post-dated checks over the period of the next few months. Both [redacted] and I were very shocked at this offer and we tried to explain that we had to receive money shortly in order to pacify creditors otherwise we would be in a pot of trouble. Wigodski also asked me when we received the first invoices at Scanlon's and I told him sometime during August or September, 1958. Wigodski assured that from his experience we could stay in business in Milwaukee for another six months and continue to order merchandise. After [redacted] and myself explained to Wigodski and Lichterman that they would also be in trouble if we could not pay some of our bills, Lichterman and Wigodski ordered us out of his office.

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"At this time Gillis, Shubow, [redacted] and myself stepped out of the office and discussed the offer made by Wigodski and Lichterman. [redacted] stated that he wanted to go back to Milwaukee and throw himself at the mercy of the creditors and tell them where the merchandise was. Both Gillis and Shubow advised that that was not wise since it would place themselves in a bad position. Although [redacted] and I did not want to accept the \$27,000 offered by Wigodski and Lichterman as final payment, we knew that we had no alternative but to accept. The \$27,000 was not paid to us at that time but was to be paid at a later date with a series of post-dated checks. After the meeting it was decided by myself, [redacted] Shubow and Gillis that we continue the Scanlon's operation, purchase approximately another \$200,000 worth of merchandise, after which Gillis and Shubow could dispose of it through their own channels, receiving anywhere from 60 to 90 per cent of the invoice price and thereby recoup some of the money which was not received from Lichterman and Wigodski.

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"Gillis, Shubow, [redacted] and myself drove to the airport as Gillis had reservations for a plane. A couple of hours was spent discussing the turn of events and plans were more or less made at that time for purchasing more merchandise and channeling it through Shubow and Gillis. The night following the meeting in Cleveland, [redacted] and I stayed at a hotel in Cleveland while Shubow drove back to Detroit by himself. The next day [redacted] and I flew to Milwaukee and discussed the

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Cleveland meeting with [redacted]

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"Prior to the meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, while in Detroit I, using the name [redacted] inquired through a Mr. [redacted] on Prairie Street and Lynden, as to the amount of warehouse space they had available and the price for same. No agreement was made at this time and I was making such inquiry at that time since if we wanted to ship merchandise at a later date to Detroit, warehouse space would be available.

"Subsequent to the meeting in Cleveland and discussing same with [redacted] in Milwaukee, I, accompanied by [redacted] went to Detroit and registered at Algiers Hotel on Woodward Avenue, under the name of [redacted]. Pursuant to conversation with Shubow whereby he was to receive and sell Scanlon's merchandise, I discussed with Shubow what warehouse facilities he could obtain in the Detroit area. During this conversation a brother or in-law or a partner of a relative of Shubow's came into his office and suggested that on Grand River Avenue near Schoolcraft there were a few vacancies and negotiations for the same could be made through Shubow's brother on James Couzins Highway. Shubow at that time made a phone call and talked to a [redacted] last name unknown, relative to warehouse facilities, after which contact was made by Shubow or [redacted] with the owner of a warehouse building. Shubow thereafter paid \$1,000 as rent for the warehouse until December 31, 1958. A day or two later I drove to the office on James Couzins Highway and talked to [redacted] last name unknown, at which time he made up a lease for the warehouse at Grand River near Schoolcraft to Rich-Mor Sales. I signed the lease in the name of [redacted] as Manager, Rich-Mor Sales. I made no payment at that time as Shubow was to pay later. I discussed with Shubow the handling of the merchandise once it was to be received in Detroit and it was decided that Ludwig Rohe, Shubow's bookkeeper would handle all of the paper work and would be responsible for paying the truck drivers. Later it was decided that [redacted] would be responsible for taking all of the merchandise off of the trucks and placing it into the warehouse. [redacted] at a later date, contacted [redacted] and obtained him as an employee. Immediately after obtaining the warehouse it was filled with mer-

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chandise from Scanlon's. I thereafter went back to Milwaukee and from there telephoned Mr. [ ] and asked him if his warehouse space was still available. He said "Yes," and at that time I told him my name was [ ]. I immediately thereafter telephoned Shubow in Detroit to tell Shubow about the warehouse space available at [ ]. Shubow advised me that he had already made arrangements through [ ] for the warehouse and that more merchandise could be shipped.

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"It will be noted that prior to coming to Milwaukee I had contacted Shubow from Detroit and told him of my original conversation with [ ] and that he had warehouse space available. It is because of this conversation, I assume, Shubow made arrangements at a later date with [ ] for the warehouse space.

"Other than employing [ ] and obtaining the keys for the Grand River warehouse from [ ] took no active part in the receiving of the merchandise in Detroit, although she did have full knowledge that the merchandise received was to be sold through Jack Shubow.

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"While the [ ] warehouse during the early part of October, 1958, was being filled with Scanlon's merchandise, Shubow had sold some of the merchandise out of the Grand River warehouse. By October 9 or 10, 1958, approximately \$250,000 worth of Scanlon's merchandise was sent to Detroit.

"Shubow never gave me any money for the merchandise which was shipped to Detroit, but I was aware that at one time he did give a few checks to [ ].

"Somewhere around the end of the first week in October, 1958, [ ] and myself went to Chicago, Illinois, and around October 10, 1958, [ ] and [ ] accompanied by their wives, closed the business in Milwaukee, and also drove to Chicago. The money received from E&A Sales consisted of approximately \$4,000 at one time and two amounts of \$15,000 each received later. Substantially all of the \$4,000 and the first \$15,000 was used for operating expenses of Scanlon's. In addition, about \$6,000 had been taken from the Wyn-Oak Appliance business and used for Scanlon's expenses. Also, [ ] had used six or seven thousand dollars of his personal funds either

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for expenses for the down payment on the business or for expenses incurred by [ ] in moving from California and his living expenses. After receiving the last \$15,000 from EAA Sales, approximately \$8,000 was returned to me and which I put back in the Wyn-Oak Appliance business safety deposit box. [ ] was repaid for money advanced and expense money. After doing this and paying certain bonuses to drivers and employees, there remained approximately \$4,500 to \$5,000 which was split between myself, [ ] and [ ]. This was around October 10, 1958. After splitting the money [ ] and his wife went up north to see some relatives and [ ] and myself went to Detroit where we met Shubow at one of the warehouses. Shubow stated that he had some of the merchandise sold so far but to date had not been able to collect much of the money. Either that day or the day after I learned that [ ] had received some checks from Shubow and I was present when these checks were given by [ ] to [ ] of the Northern Discount Company, Detroit, Michigan. Thereafter I went up north and joined [ ] and his wife at Bessemer, Michigan, where [ ] and I spent a few days hunting. Upon returning to Detroit I accompanied [ ] to Chicago, Illinois, and returned to work at the Wyn-Oak Appliance Company. A few days later we were called by Shubow who told us that the FBI was looking for us and that we had better be careful. Shubow also stated that the Government had confiscated all of the merchandise in Detroit. [ ] also called Gene Gillis and arranged to meet him with me the next day at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago. At that meeting Gillis stated that Lichterman and Wigodski wanted the post-dated checks back but he, Gillis, refused to send them and, in fact, had destroyed them. Gillis also related that Wigodski and Lichterman had said that if [ ] and myself kept our mouths shut they would see to it that we would receive \$30,000 and that our attorney's fees would also be paid. Gillis also related that Lichterman and Wigodski stated that no one had better talk.

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"Without telling our wives where we were going, [ ] and I left Chicago, stayed in Miami, Florida for two days and then went to Marathon, Florida. The only persons with whom we kept in touch were Shubow and Gillis, but we never informed either of the two of our location. After several weeks [ ] contacted a friend in Miami, Florida, who also happened to be an

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attorney. This attorney checked into the situation, which took about ten days, and then advised both [redacted] and myself to go back to Detroit and turn ourselves in."

"I have read the above typewritten statement consisting of eighteen pages and three lines and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge."

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"Signed: [redacted]  
June 29, 1959"

"Witnessed:  
[redacted] Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
June 29, 1959  
"Maurice H. Price, Special Agent, FBI, Milwaukee 6/29/59."



OFFICE MEMORANDUM . . . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (49-320)

DATE: 7/1/59  
Dictated: 7/1/59

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
ET AL  
ITSP - CONSPIRACY; MAIL FRAUD

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On June 29, 1959, [REDACTED] made himself available at the Milwaukee Division, at which time he furnished the following information to SAS [REDACTED] and MAURICE H. PRICE:

During January, 1958 while [REDACTED] was operating the Grand Sales Company in Detroit, Michigan, [REDACTED] who was previously employed at the Coronet Sewing Machine Company, Detroit, Michigan, was interested in starting a business of his own with [REDACTED] financial support. During early January, 1958, [REDACTED] accompanied [REDACTED] on a trip to Cleveland and Cincinnati, Ohio, and negotiated with [REDACTED] Approved Sew-Vac Company in Cincinnati, which was for sale at that time. At that time [REDACTED] offered the business for \$3,500. While returning to Detroit, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] discussed the possibility of purchasing such business and agreed that it was not worth more than \$500 to \$700.

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Later in the month [REDACTED] telephoned [REDACTED] in Detroit and at a later date [REDACTED] purchased the business from [REDACTED] for somewhere between \$500 and \$700. [REDACTED] made available to [REDACTED] for the purchase approximately \$1,000 and [REDACTED] started operating the business under the name of Approved Appliance Company around the first week of February, 1958.

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During the months of February and March, 1958 [REDACTED] seemed to run the business in Cincinnati profitably, and during April, 1958 when it was apparent that the business was not being operated profitably, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] mutually agreed that in order to make any money through the concern they would purchase more merchandise on credit, subsequently sell the majority of

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such merchandise for what could be obtained at a dollar figure less than the wholesale cost, and make a partial settlement with the creditors.

[ ] subsequently called [ ] for his assistance in carrying out the above plan and he agreed for a one-third share in any profits resulting. Thereafter, [ ] contacted JACOB SHUBOW, owner, Rich-Mor Sales, Detroit, Michigan, and made arrangements for him to purchase all of the merchandise that would subsequently be purchased by Approved Appliance Company.

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During the latter part of May, 1958 [ ] and [ ] went to Chicago, Illinois, with the thought of starting an appliance business. After arriving in Illinois, [ ] and [ ] negotiated a lease in Berwyn, a suburb of Chicago, for the purpose of operating an appliance store under the name of Wyn-Oak Appliance.

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[ ] purchased a one ton truck at Detroit for use at Wyn-Oak and hired two former employees, [ ] and [ ]

Merchandise which rapidly began to accumulate in Cincinnati was shipped to the Wyn-Oak in Berwyn, most of which was shipped via the one ton truck driven by [ ] and [ ]

After approximately \$25,000 worth of merchandise arrived at the appliance store from Cincinnati JACK SHUBOW came from Detroit in order to negotiate for the purchase of the merchandise. At that time he was accompanied by JESSIE BERON. After viewing the merchandise SHUBOW and BERON, [ ] and [ ] went up to the balcony of the store to discuss the matter and at that time SHUBOW asked [ ] how he happened to have that much merchandise. [ ] and [ ] then explained that a sewing machine company in Cincinnati was having a hard time making ends meet and that this company's owner was in the process of going bankrupt and was still ordering more at this time. SHUBOW was also advised that what was on hand, which amounted to approximately \$25,000, was about half of what was to come and that the owner wanted to sell all of it as quickly as possible before the creditors could attach it. SHUBOW then inquired as to what price was being asked if he purchased all of the merchandise on hand and the remainder which was subsequently to be shipped. [ ] and [ ] reminded SHUBOW

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that because of the fact they were only acting as agents of the third party who owned the business in Cincinnati the final decision relative to price was with him. SHUBOW then asked who the third party was, and [redacted] told him it was [redacted] with whom SHUBOW was acquainted. SHUBOW then stated that in order for him to appear as an agent he did not want anyone to know that he was acquainted with the principals of this type of transaction, if it was at all possible. He only wanted to transact the business through [redacted] and [redacted]. Later in the afternoon SHUBOW, BERON, [redacted] and [redacted] all went to Richards Restaurant in Berwyn to discuss the matter further. At the restaurant [redacted] showed SHUBOW the invoices of the merchandise which was on hand at the moment. SHUBOW looked at each original invoice commenting on each company as he went along. SHUBOW stated because of the small amount each company was owed and knowing the thinking of each firm first hand he felt it would not be necessary to leave any merchandise for the creditors inasmuch as the amounts owed were small compared to what he was experienced in seeing.

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All four went back to the warehouse after lunch and SHUBOW then told [redacted] and [redacted] that because of his, SHUBOW's, experience in transactions of this type he and BERON were the only ones to whom the merchandise should be sold. SHUBOW explained that they would be in a position to buy all merchandise that was available; that they would pay cash for everything as soon as it arrived, and more important they were going to take the merchandise to Canada and sell it and that way no one would ever be able to trace it. JACK SHUBOW then offered to pay fifty per cent of the invoice value for the merchandise. Both [redacted] and [redacted] refused that offer quickly and while driving SHUBOW back to the airport SHUBOW and BERON stopped at an address on Tallman Street in Chicago to visit his brother-in-law, GENE GILLIS. Later while continuing to the airport SHUBOW offered to give fifty per cent for the merchandise, pay the expenses to transfer it to his warehouse in Detroit, strip all the labels and be fully responsible for the merchandise once it arrived. Prior to JACK's boarding the plane [redacted] and [redacted] accepted this offer and thereafter arrangements were made to start shipping immediately. SHUBOW demanded that the merchandise be moved through independent truck owners rather than common carrier. Most of the merchandise was moved from Berwyn to Detroit through an independent truck driver by the name of BOB WILLIAMS, [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted].

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As the merchandise came to Detroit, [ ] and [ ] were present at Rich-Mor Sales. SHUBOW and BERON had made arrangements to have trucks from Windsor, Canada; namely, from the Lancaster Trucking Company, waiting at Rich-Mor Sales and the merchandise was moved from the incoming trucks into the Lancaster trucks and immediately shipped to a warehouse in Windsor. All of the paper work necessary was prepared by SHUBOW's bookkeeper LUDWIG and the M.A. forms necessary for Customs were prepared by LUDWIG and signed by [ ] as a seller for Bell Novelty Company.

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With the merchandise that came from Cincinnati there was a photocopy machine which SHUBOW kept in his office and LUDWIG used it to make copies of all the original invoices which SHUBOW said he needed. After deducting all freight charges and errors in billing SHUBOW and BERON gave [ ] and [ ] fifty per cent of the invoice price of the merchandise which was received. This amount approximated \$23,000 and was paid in cash in three or four payments made at subsequent dates. This profit was subsequently split between [ ] and [ ] equally three ways.

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After the entire transaction was completed during the middle of June, 1958 SHUBOW told [ ] and [ ] that he would be the best person to purchase any merchandise that [ ] and [ ] might come across at a future date. SHUBOW in a passing remark stated not to worry about the transaction which was just completed as all of the labels on the cartons were being removed and there never would be any trace of it.

Prior to furnishing the above information, [ ] was advised that he need not give the above information, and that if it was given, it could be used against him in a court of law. He was also advised that he had the right to an attorney.

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By communication dated June 3, 1959 and June 5, 1959, the Cleveland Division advised that Subjects LICHTERMAN and WIGODSKI traveled to Detroit June 2, 1959 returning to Cleveland June 3, 1959. [REDACTED]

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By communication dated June 12, 1959, the Detroit Division advised that on June 3, 1959, during the evening hours, the homes of the known friends and relatives of IRVING LICHTERMAN and DANIEL E. WIGODSKI in Detroit were spot checked, but no automobiles with Ohio license plates were noted in the vicinity of these homes.

[REDACTED] Mohawk Lumber and Supply Company, was contacted on June 4, 1959 by SA(A)s DONALD W. MOORE, JR., and JOHN D. FUSELIER. [REDACTED] said that he had not heard or seen anything of the owners of E & A Sales Company since last September, and he volunteered to call SA(A) FUSELIER if he should hear anything from them in the future.

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| Reporting Office<br><b>CLEVELAND</b>                   | Office of Origin<br><b>MILWAUKEE</b> | Date<br><b>7/20/59</b>  | Investigative Period<br><b>4/17 - 7/1/59</b> |
| TITLE OF CASE<br><br><b>[REDACTED] aka.,<br/>ET AL</b> |                                      | Report made by<br><b>SA [REDACTED]</b>  | Typed By:<br><b>maf</b>                      |
|  |                                      | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><br><b>NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT; INTER-<br/>STATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN<br/>PROPERTY - CONSPIRACY<br/>(ACCOUNTING INVESTIGATION)</b> |  |

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Synopsis:  
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## REFERENCES

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 4/6/59 at Cleveland.  
Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 4/20/59 at Cincinnati.  
Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 4/27/59 at Milwaukee.  
Report of SA JOHN D. FUSELIER dated 5/6/59 at Detroit.  
Cleveland airtel to Detroit dated 6/25/59.

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## LEADS

DETROIT:

AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Will attempt to identify anonymous caller and locate

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and interview for information pertaining to Scanlon's Radio and Music Company transactions.

CLEVELAND:

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

Will continue efforts to determine disposition of bulk merchandise sold through the E and A Sales Company.

ADMINISTRATIVE

On June 2, 1959, [ ] advised the Cleveland Division that IRVING LICHTERMAN and DANIEL E. WIGODSKI, E and A Sales Company, Cleveland, were travelling to Milwaukee on this date for the purpose of possibly intimidating witness in instant case. He advised LICHTERMAN indicated they would use local talent in Detroit or Milwaukee if force is necessary or desired. He was unable to furnish the identity of the witness or the mode of travel used by LICHTERMAN and WIGODSKI.

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On June 3, 1959, [ ] advised LICHTERMAN and WIGODSKI returned to Cleveland. He stated he learned that they did not go to Milwaukee but instead [ ]

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He stated [ ]

On June 6, 1959, [ ] advised that LICHTERMAN and WIGODSKI [ ]

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He stated that LICHTERMAN and WIGODSKI own four stores in Detroit, Michigan, which are known as the Giant Value Stores, and that a man named SID FEIN of Detroit fronts for them in that

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city. He stated that LICHTERMAN, WIGODSKI [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] He stated he is of the opinion that a lot of the merchandise from these stores would be sold in September or October, 1959.

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On June 14, 1959, [REDACTED] advised he learned that

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He stated that SID FEIN and [REDACTED] are the Detroit front men and [REDACTED] the Giant Value Stores, stating that EDDIE WIGODSKI, IRVING LICHTERMAN and [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] He also indicated [REDACTED] was involved in this matter as a matter of protection, inasmuch as he is [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] recalled that he had [REDACTED]  
LICHTERMAN at Detroit, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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inasmuch as some of the items were being offered a little above retail price.

He stated that LICHTERMAN and WIGODSKI had keys to the stores and the warehouse in Detroit, and that they have been hauling merchandise from the stores and warehouse at night [redacted] He mentioned that [redacted]

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[redacted] said he understood that WIGODSKI and LICHTERMAN are now stealing from the stores instead of waiting, according to their plans, for entering bankruptcy proceedings, the reason being [redacted]

On June 25, 1959, [redacted] was contacted by SA [redacted] and in discreet inquiry it was determined that the anonymous caller who placed the call to SA [redacted] on June 24, 1959, may be [redacted]

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as far as LICHTERMAN and WIGODSKI are concerned. He stated he [redacted]

[redacted] further stated on June 25, 1959, that the [redacted]

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A copy of this report is being furnished to the Cincinnati and Chicago Divisions in view of the investigation conducted by those Divisions in instant matter.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: USA, CLEVELAND  
USA, DETROIT  
Report of: USA, MILWAUKEE  
Date: SA [REDACTED] Office: CLEVELAND, OHIO  
7/20/59  
File Number: CLEVELAND (49-506) BUREAU (49-14193)  
Title: [REDACTED] aka.,  
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Character: NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT; INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF  
STOLEN PROPERTY - CONSPIRACY  
Synopsis: (ACCOUNTING INVESTIGATION)

LICHTERMAN and WIGODSKI appeared before U.S. Commissioner, Cleveland, 4/17/59 and signed waiver of removal to Milwaukee. Petition of involuntary bankruptcy filed against E and A Sales Company and Community Furniture Discount Company 4/16/59. Building Superintendent, Euclid Seventy First Company, states he observed E and A Sales Company receiving approximately 15 trailer loads of merchandise during September, 1958, and states 90% of cartons were marked Scanlon's Radio and Music Company. Efforts to locate additional Scanlon merchandise in Cleveland negative. Review made of E and A records. LICHTERMAN and WIGODSKI reportedly involved in Giant Value Stores, Detroit, Michigan. Anonymous telephone call received indicating Giant Value is set up for bankruptcy. All original records reflecting transactions of Reider Manufacturing Company, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, with Scanlon's Radio and Music Company reportedly furnished to [REDACTED] Milwaukee (Lyon Furniture Mercantile Agency, Cincinnati, Ohio.)

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## DETAILS:

On April 17, 1959, Assistant United States Attorney  
[REDACTED] Cleveland, advised IRVING LICHTERMAN and

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DANIEL E. WIGODSKI appeared before United States Commissioner HERBERT A. HORN, Cleveland, on that date. They waived removal hearings in writing and signed a Waiver of Removal to Milwaukee.

On April 17, 1959, Mr. [REDACTED] Superior Building, Cleveland, advised the creditors of the E and A Sales Company and the Community Furniture Discount Company had filed a petition of involuntary bankruptcy against the above companies on April 16, 1959. He stated that petitions were filed in the United States District Court, Cleveland.

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On April 20, 1959, Mr. [REDACTED] advised WIGODSKI, for the E and A Sales Company, signed a consent to an immediate adjudication. .



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TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (49-506)

DATE May 11, 1959

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

Date dictated: May 5, 1959

SUBJECT: [REDACTED], aka.,  
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On April 28 and 30, 1959, records of the Community Furniture Discount Company were made available for review to SA [REDACTED] by Mr. [REDACTED]

On the above dates, these records were reviewed in the Office of Attorney [REDACTED] 424 Superior Building, Cleveland, and these records failed to reflect any indication of purchases by Community Furniture Discount Company from the E and A Sales Company.

A review of the check register of the above company reflected the following were checks drawn on Account Number 120-448, Capital Bank, Cleveland, and were made payable to the E and A Sales Company:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Check Number</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Explanation</u>                    |
|-------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| 9/58        | 104                 | \$ 694.59     | Mchse                                 |
| 10/5/58     | 118                 | 3,000.00      | Mchse                                 |
| 10/26/58    | 221                 | 2,000.00      | On account merchandise                |
| 11/13/58    | 393                 | 54.60         | Merchandise                           |
| 11/15/58    | 418                 | 67.43         | Merchandise                           |
| 11/24/58    | 474                 | 1,000.00      | On account of E and A for merchandise |

In addition to the above, it was noted the Community Furniture Discount Company had participated in exchanging checks with the E and A Sales Company and these checks are set forth below:

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| <u>Date</u> | <u>Check Number</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Explanation</u>                    |
|-------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| 10/16/58    | 163                 | \$1,500.00    | Exchange of checks with E and A       |
| 11/26/58    | 496                 | 573.06        | Exchange of checks                    |
| 12/2/58     | 532                 | 1,174.92      | Exchange of checks with E and A Sales |
| 12/4/58     | 541                 | 1,000.00      | Exchange of checks with E and A       |
| 12/4/58     | 546                 | 2,303.00      | Exchange of checks with E and A Sales |
| 12/6/58     | 555                 | 2,000.00      | Check exchange with E and A Sales     |

It is noted the above checks were made payable to E and A Sales with the exceptions of checks numbered 532, 541, 546 and 555, which checks were made payable to cash.

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INTERVIEW REPORTDate: May 11, 1959

Mr. [redacted] advised he is employed by the Euclid Seventy First Company, 7016 Euclid Avenue, as [redacted]

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[redacted] advised during the month of September, 1958, while in the vicinity of the E and A Sales Company, 7010 Euclid Avenue, on several days he observed approximately 15 trailer loads of merchandise being delivered to the E and A Sales Company. He stated he was of the opinion this was unusual in view of the fact as long as the E and A Sales Company has been located at that address they have not received that much merchandise in such a short period of time. He stated he was in the vicinity of the loading dock of E and A Sales Company while the trailers were being unloaded and he observed the name of Scanlon's Radio and Music Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on approximately 90% of the cartons which were unloaded from the trailers.

Mr. [redacted] indicated he was unable to furnish the names of the drivers or the name of the trucking companies which brought this merchandise to the E and A Sales Company. He stated he did not observe the employees of the E and A Sales Company making any lists of the merchandise received, and he did not see the employees remove the merchandise from the cartons, and could therefore not testify to the type of merchandise received.

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Mr. [redacted] further related that prior to the E and A Sales Company going into bankruptcy he had learned that several loads of merchandise were taken from the E and A Sales Company

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Interview with Mr. [redacted] File # CV 49-506

on 4/30/59 at Cleveland, Ohio Date dictated 5/5/59

By Special Agent [redacted] /maf

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to Columbus, Ohio, and Detroit, Michigan. He stated he did not know the destination of this merchandise other than the city to which it was taken, but stated he heard the merchandise going to Detroit was taken to a relative of DANIEL E. WIGODSKI, also known as [REDACTED]

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Mr. [REDACTED] was unable to furnish any further information pertaining to the receipt of the merchandise which he observed being received by the E and A Sales Company during September, 1958.

On April 30, 1959, Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] Republic Finance Company, 7012 Euclid Avenue, advised their company has not discounted paper for the E and A Sales Company for the past year. They also indicated no loans were given to individuals purchasing merchandise at the E and A Sales Company within the last year.

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On April 30, 1959, Miss [redacted] Central Motors Company, 2031 East 70 Street, Cleveland, advised the Community Furniture Discount Company had rented warehouse space located in the same building as her office. She stated this warehouse was filled with merchandise until April 14, 1959, at which time it was removed from the warehouse, starting at approximately 8:00 p.m. She stated she did not know the origin of this merchandise and did not notice the name of Scanlon's Radio and Music Company on any of the cartons located in the warehouse.

On May 25, 1959, Mr. [redacted] advised he caused an inventory to be taken of the E and A Sales Company, merchandise on hand, and this inventory was furnished to the Trustee in instant case in Milwaukee on May 22, 1959. He indicated a public auction sale is to be held on May 26, 1959, at the E and A Sales Company and Community Furniture Discount Company.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
INTERVIEW REPORTDate: June 3, 1959

Mr. [ ] advised that he is [ ] of a public auction house in Maple Heights, Ohio. He stated that during the winter of 1958 he attended a public sale in the vicinity of East 65th Street and Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, and [ ] was the auctioneer at this sale.

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He stated he did not know who owned the merchandise which was being sold at this sale inasmuch as [ ] refused to identify his clients, stating that it was a surplus sale.

[ ] stated he bid \$5,000.00 for a lot of merchandise; however, [ ] would not accept a post dated check in payment for the merchandise, so his bid was cancelled and he did not make any purchases at this sale.

[ ] stated he could not remember if the name of Scanlon's Radio and Music Company appeared on the cartons due to the lapse of time since the date of the sale. He stated, however, that he is of the opinion that this merchandise was owned by the E and A Sales Company, inasmuch as EDDIE WIGODSKI, an official of that company, was bidding merchandise up whenever it appeared the merchandise was not bringing a satisfactory price. He stated he had bid on numerous items, but became discusted when he was overbid by WIGODSKI. He stated WIGODSKI's bids were outrageously high, and he was therefore of the opinion that WIGODSKI over bid on the merchandise that did not receive a satisfactory bid.

[ ] advised he did not know the amount of bids placed at the sale, or the amount of merchandise which was sold during the sale, but estimated that there was approximately

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\$60,000.00 worth of merchandise at wholesale value available for sale.

[ ] advised there were several well-known local businessmen at the auction; however, he was unable to recall the names of these individuals at this time.

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[ ] advised that he has made several purchases directly from the E and A Sales Company, 7010 Euclid Avenue, on numerous occasions, and these purchases were usually made at 10% above the cost.

[ ] was unable to furnish any information pertaining to the receipt of Scanlon's Radio and Music Company merchandise by any local businessman.

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On May 26, 1959, Mr. [redacted] of defunct Community Furniture Discount Company, 7002 Euclid Avenue, advised SA [redacted] the invoice which set forth the purchase of ten washing machines from the E and A Sales Company dated October 10, 1958, which he had displayed to SAs [redacted] and [redacted] during October, 1958, was returned to the E and A Sales Company at their request. He stated the officials of E and A had caused him considerable embarrassment, and he wanted to sever relations completely and therefore agreed to return this invoice. He refused to furnish any information pertaining to the items which appeared on this invoice in addition to the washing machines.

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INTERVIEW REPORTDate: June 2, 1959

[redacted] Cleveland, advised he has held numerous auctions for the E and A Sales Company, 7010 Euclid Avenue, during the year 1958. He stated the majority of these auctions were held at the above address of the E and A Sales Company; however, during the winter of 1958 he held a sale in the East 65 and Euclid Avenue area for the E and A Sales Company. He indicated this sale was to be held on two separate dates; however, the first sale was cancelled by EDDIE WIGODSKI, Official of the E And A Sales Company, inasmuch as there were not enough customers present at this sale.

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[redacted] stated he did not know the origin of this merchandise which he held for sale at public auction other than the fact that the E and A Sales Company owned the merchandise, and the owners of the E and A Sales Company had indicated to him that they wanted to sell this merchandise so that they could obtain immediate cash. [redacted] stated he has never heard of Scanlon's Radio and Music Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, nor has he heard of [redacted] or [redacted].

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He advised EDDIE WIGODSKI attended this sale and the merchandise was set up for him by an employee of the E and A Sales Company known to him only as [redacted]. He stated he was paid \$75.00 for holding this sale and considered it to be another regular sale.

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On May 27, 1959, Mr. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Immigration and Naturalization Service, Cleveland,  
advised IRVING LICHTERMAN was naturalized on March 18, 1946,  
under Certificate of Naturalization Number 6682972.

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On June 2, 1959, Mr. [REDACTED] Cleveland  
Association of Credit Men, 412 Superior Avenue, advised his  
association had located the records of the E and A Sales  
Company, and as [REDACTED] he confiscated the  
records.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (49-506)

DATE: June 24, 1959

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

Date Dictated: June 18, 1959

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] aka.,  
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On June 2, 10 and 12, 1959, Mr. [REDACTED] made the invoices of the E and A Sales Company available for review by SA [REDACTED]. A review of these sales invoices for the period covering July, 1958, through April, 1959, reflected the following:

Invoices dated July 23, 1958, September 31, 1958, September 28, 1958, and September 29, 1958, and two undated invoices included in the December, 1958, group indicated that the J. D. Clark Company, 3323 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, had paid the E and A Sales Company \$17,058.20 cash on account. No invoices were located which indicated the J. D. Clark Company had made any purchases from the E and A Sales Company during the above period. The above invoices dated September 28 and 29, 1958, indicated the cash received was on account with the notation resale.

During the above review, invoices dated September 23, 1958, in the amount of \$10,295.48 and \$11,334.13 were located which reflected shipments to the Mohawk Lumber and Supply Company, Detroit, Michigan, via Norwalk Truck Lines, Cleveland. Attached to these invoices were 76 E and A invoices which had the names and addresses of the suppliers along with the type of merchandise.

It is noted on March 16, 1959, Mr. [REDACTED] Mohawk Lumber and Supply Company, 14525 West Chicago, Detroit, Michigan, furnished auto-stats of 76 invoices which he had received from the E and A Sales Company for merchandise he had purchased from them.

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Mr. [REDACTED] advised he would be the proper individual to be subpoenaed if the above records should be needed in Federal Court and a Subpoena decus tecum, if issued, should be directed to him in care of Cleveland Association of Credit Men, 412 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

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On June 24, 1959, at approximately 5:15 p.m., SA [redacted] received an anonymous telephone call at the Cleveland Office. The individual calling indicated he was calling from the Cleveland Hopkins Airport and he only had approximately 15 minutes until his plane was due to depart for Detroit, Michigan. The caller refused to identify himself in any way; however, it was learned during the course of the conversation that he considers himself to be a reputable businessman and [redacted] IRVING LICHTERMAN and EDDIE WIGODSKI [redacted]  
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The caller advised the subjects, LICHTERMAN and WIGODSKI. [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] He indicated they have also been stealing merchandise from the Giant Value Stores, Detroit,  
[redacted]

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The caller stated the Giant Value Stores, Detroit, were originally set up for the purpose of going into bankruptcy, and the FBI had better be on the alert because the company is about to go bankrupt. He indicated WIGODSKI and LICHTERMAN had to steal the merchandise from the E and A Sales Company and the Giant Value Stores, Detroit, [redacted]  
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The caller stated WIGODSKI and LICHTERMAN were using [redacted] to transport the merchandise from Detroit to Cleveland.

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The caller further stated that one [redacted]

[redacted] It is felt this individual was referring to [redacted] and SID FEIN as being the front men in Detroit; however, he did not mention them by name.

The caller refused to furnish the names of [redacted] WIGODSKI and LICHTERMAN in Cleveland. He also refused to [redacted] where LICHTERMAN and WIGODSKI [redacted]

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On June 25, 1959, the following individuals were contacted at their respective airlines offices by SA [redacted] in an effort to identify the above anonymous caller with negative results:

Mrs. [redacted]  
Tag Airlines  
Lakefront Airport

Miss [redacted]  
Capital Airlines  
Cleveland Hopkins Airport

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Mr. [redacted]  
United Airlines  
Cleveland Hopkins Airport

On June 25, 1959, efforts were made with negative results by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] to reinterview [redacted]

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Ohio. [ ] was not interviewed in view of the fact it was noted on arrival of the above Agents that ALFRED "SCOTTY" GOLTSMAN was at his residence and it was therefore deemed inappropriate to approach [ ] for interview at this time.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (49-506)

DATE: July 8, 1959

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

Date Dictated: July 2, 1959

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] aka.,  
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On June 29, 1959, Mr. [REDACTED] made the records of E and A Sales Company available for review by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The following information was obtained from the books and records at this time:

A review of ledger sheets of E and A Sales Company at Cleveland Association of Credit Men Office, Room 326, by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

The following Balance Sheet on (Jl) was dated May 1, 1958:

|                         | <u>Dr.</u> | <u>CR.</u>  |
|-------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Cash On Hand            | \$ 753.56  |             |
| Cash In Bank            |            | \$14,692.31 |
| Inventory               | 80,345.28  |             |
| Deposits                | 2,090.00   |             |
| Prepaid Sales           |            |             |
| Tax                     |            | 2,053.72    |
| Exchange                | 1,600.00   |             |
| Fixed Assets            | 5,936.36   |             |
| Reserve                 |            |             |
| for Depreciation        |            | 3,722.51    |
| Accounts Payable        |            | 35,665.30   |
| Accrued SS Tx's         |            | 64.68       |
| Accrued W Tx's          |            | 386.40      |
| Accrued Excise Tx's     |            | 140.94      |
| Loan Payable - I.L.     |            | 16,743.13   |
| Loan Payable - E.W.     |            | 19,094.89   |
| Loan Payable - Officers |            | 8,148.15    |
| Capital Stock           |            | 20,000.00   |
| Treasury Stock          | 2,500.00   |             |
| Paid-In Surplus         |            | 500.00      |
| Earned Surplus          | 27,986.83  |             |
| "To Open 5-1-58"        |            |             |

(No Totals Shown)

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The last entry on Page 21 reflects the following on lines 27, 28 and 29:

|         |                      |             |             |
|---------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 9/30/58 | Purchases            | \$65,000.00 |             |
|         | Notes Payable - E.W. |             | \$32,500.00 |
|         | - I.L.               |             | 32,500.00   |

The ledger sheet for Purchases of E and A Sales Company reflects the following: (Captions do not appear on ledger sheet.)

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Dr.</u><br><u>Purchases</u> | <u>Cr.</u>  | <u>Total</u> |
|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1958        |                                |             |              |
|             | \$ 146.86                      |             |              |
| May 31      | 21,348.46                      |             |              |
| June 30     | 11,765.56                      |             | \$33,260.88  |
| July 31     | 36,851.93                      |             |              |
| Aug 31      | 44,780.31                      |             |              |
| Sept 30     | 30,676.22                      |             |              |
|             | J 65,000.00                    |             | 210,569.34   |
| Oct 31      | 1.00                           |             |              |
|             | 47,621.85                      |             |              |
|             | 3,000.00                       |             |              |
| Nov 30      | 40,714.02                      |             |              |
| Dec 31      | 11,004.78                      | \$28,645.92 |              |
| 1959        |                                |             |              |
| Jan 31      | 27,106.25                      | 89.02       | 311,282.30   |

The Sales Ledger Sheet for E and A Sales Company reflects the following:

Sales - Exempt

|         | (Dr.) | (Cr.)       | (Total)      |
|---------|-------|-------------|--------------|
| 1958    |       |             |              |
| May 31  |       | \$ 8,362.91 |              |
| Jun 30  |       | 6,513.80    | \$ 14,876.71 |
| July 31 |       | 155.00      |              |
|         | Ex    |             |              |
|         | Whse  | 3,509.54    |              |

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|------|----|------|-------------|-----------|--------------|
| Aug  | 31 | Ex   | \$          | 138.00    |              |
|      |    | Whse |             | 8,688.20  |              |
| Sept | 30 | Ex   |             | 348.00    |              |
|      |    | Whse |             | 11,630.39 | \$ 39,345.84 |
| Oct  | 31 |      | \$ 1,005.00 |           |              |
|      | 31 |      |             | 2,530.95  |              |
| Nov  | 30 |      |             | 3,566.37  |              |
| Dec  | 31 |      |             | 7,215.03  |              |
| 1959 |    |      |             |           |              |
| Jan  | 31 |      |             | 6,015.72  | 57,668.91    |

Sales - Taxable

|      |    |  |          |           |            |
|------|----|--|----------|-----------|------------|
| 1958 |    |  |          |           |            |
| May  | 31 |  |          | 15,820.41 |            |
| Jun  | 30 |  |          | 19,290.55 | 35,110.96  |
| July | 31 |  |          | 31,107.14 |            |
| Aug  | 31 |  |          | 24,818.05 |            |
| Sept | 30 |  |          | 42,468.47 | 133,504.62 |
| Oct  | 31 |  | 5,228.40 |           |            |
|      | 31 |  |          | 61,389.15 |            |
| Nov  | 30 |  |          | 34,099.27 |            |
| Dec  | 31 |  | 771.33   | 2,992.08  |            |
| 1959 |    |  |          | 41,326.60 |            |
| Jan  | 31 |  |          | 323.91    |            |
|      |    |  |          | 14,720.35 | 282,356.25 |
|      | 31 |  | 624.11   |           | 281,732.14 |

E and A Sales Company  
7010 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio

Review of Cash Disbursement Book for the period May 1, 1958, to December 31, 1958, reflects:

Under the date of September, 1958, line 9 shows on September 25 check number 908 to be a credit to bank account in the amount of \$2,000.00. This entry indicates check 908 may be payable to

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Under the captioned date of October, 1958, lines 17 through 36 and one through two reflect the following:

| Line | Date  | Account           | Check No. | Bank       | Pur   | E.W. Loan Pay | I.L. Loan Pay |
|------|-------|-------------------|-----------|------------|---|---------------|---------------|
| 17   | 10/15 | IRVING LICHTERMAN | 978       | \$1,500.00 | (See journal entry end of month - charging purchases & cr I.L.) |               | \$1,500.00    |
| 18   | 22    | "                 | 979       | 1,500.00   |   |               | 1,500.00      |
| 19   | 29    | "                 | 980       | 1,500.00   |   |               | 1,500.00      |
| 20   | Nov 5 | "                 | 981       | 1,500.00   |   |               | 1,500.00      |
| 21   | 12    | "                 | 982       | 1,500.00   |   |               | 1,500.00      |
| 22   | 19    | "                 | 983       | 1,500.00   |   |               | 1,500.00      |
| 23   | 26    | "                 | 984       | 1,500.00   |   |               | 1,500.00      |
| 24   | Dec 3 | "                 | 985       | 4,500.00   |   |               | 4,500.00      |
| 25   | 10/15 | EDDIE WIGODSKI    | 986       | 1,500.00   | (See journal entry end of month - chg purchases & cr E.W.)      |               | 1,500.00      |
| 26   | 10/22 | "                 | 987       | 1,500.00   |   |               | 1,500.00      |
| 27   | 29    | "                 | 988       | 1,500.00   |   |               | 1,500.00      |
| 28   | 11/5  | "                 | 989       | 1,500.00   |   |               | 1,500.00      |
| 29   | 12    | "                 | 990       | 1,500.00   |   |               | 1,500.00      |
| 30   | 19    | "                 | 991       | 1,500.00   |   |               | 1,500.00      |
| 31   | 26    | "                 | 992       | 1,500.00   |   |               | 1,500.00      |
| 32   | 12/3  | "                 | 993       | 4,500.00   |   |               | 4,500.00      |
| 33   | 24    | "                 | 994       | 1,000.00   | \$1,000.00  |               |               |
| 34   | 31    | "                 | 995       | 1,000.00   | 1,000.00  |               |               |
| 35   | 11/9  | "                 | 996       | 1,000.00   | 1,000.00  |               |               |
| 36   | 14    | "                 | 997       | 1,000.00   | 1,000.00  |               |               |
| 1    | 11/21 | Empire Amerex     | 998       | 1,000.00   | 1,000.00  |               |               |
|      | 28    | "                 | 9         | 1,000.00   | 1,000.00  |               |               |

Under the captioned date of October, 1958, line 20, dated October 10, reflects check number 1112 to be a credit to bank account in the amount of \$3,000.00 and a debit to I.L. Personal account. This entry indicates check 1112 may be payable to IRVING LICHTERMAN.



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Under captioned date of October, 1958, line 8, dated October 10, reflects check number 1136 to be a credit to bank account in the amount of \$1,500.00 and debit to Ex. with notation of A.L. This entry indicates check 1136 may be payable to

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Under captioned date of October, 1958, under the totals for end of month, appears the following entry: (Not dated)

|               |            |            |
|---------------|------------|------------|
| Purchases     | \$3,000.00 |            |
| E. WIGODSKI   |            | \$1,500.00 |
| I. LICHTERMAN |            | 1,500.00   |

To record purchases  
from Rich Mor Sales  
paid by cks #978 & #  
986 as per I. LICHTERMAN

The ledger sheet for Loan Payable - I. LICHTERMAN reflects the following: (Captions do not appear on ledger sheet.)

| Date       | \$ | Dr        | Cr          | Total       |
|------------|----|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| 1958       |    |           |             |             |
| May 1 (Jl) |    |           |             | \$16,743.13 |
| 31         | \$ | 175.00    |             |             |
| Jun 30     |    |           |             | 16,568.13   |
| July 31    |    | 169.85    |             |             |
| Aug 31     |    | 35.73     |             |             |
| Sept 30    |    | 2,027.79  |             | 14,334.76   |
| Oct 31     |    | 21,600.00 |             |             |
| Nov 30     |    | 250.00    |             |             |
| Dec 31     |    |           | \$13,500.00 |             |
| 1959       |    |           | 500.00      |             |
| Jan 31     |    |           | 10,000.00   | 16,484.76   |

The ledger sheet for Loan Payable - E. WIGODSKI reflects the following:

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| Date |       | <u>Dr</u> | <u>Cr</u>   | <u>Total</u> |
|------|-------|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| 1958 |       |           |             |              |
| May  | 1(J1) |           |             | \$19,094.89  |
|      | 31    | \$ 160.00 |             |              |
|      |       | 1,145.05  |             |              |
| Jun  | 30    | 710.34    |             | 17,079.50    |
| July | 31    | 77.37     |             |              |
| Sept | 30    | 2,000.00  |             | 15,002.13    |
| Oct  | 31    | 18,719.26 |             |              |
| Nov  | 30    | 400.00    |             |              |
| Dec  | 31    | 200.00    | \$13,500.00 |              |
| 1959 |       |           |             |              |
| Jan  | 31    | 3,000.00  |             |              |
|      |       | 79.06     | 500.00      | 6,603.81     |

The ledger sheet for Notes Payable E.W. reflects the following:  
(Captions not shown on ledger sheet.)

| Date |    | <u>Dr</u> | <u>Cr</u>     | <u>Total</u> |
|------|----|-----------|---------------|--------------|
| 1958 |    |           |               |              |
| Sept | 30 |           | J \$32,500.00 | \$32,500.00  |
| Oct  | 31 |           | 1,500.00      | 34,000.00    |

The ledger sheet for Notes Payable I.L. reflects the following:  
(Captions not shown on ledger.)

| Date |    | <u>Dr</u> | <u>Cr</u>     | <u>Total</u> |
|------|----|-----------|---------------|--------------|
| 1958 |    |           |               |              |
| Sept | 30 |           | J \$32,500.00 | \$32,500.00  |
| Oct  | 31 |           | 1,500.00      | 34,000.00    |

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (49-506)

DATE: July 8, 1959

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

Date dictated: July 2, 1959

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] aka.,  
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On June 29, 1959, the bankruptcy records of the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, Case Number 84317. E and A Sales Company, were reviewed by SA [REDACTED]. These records reflect an involuntary petition was filed April 16, 1959, and DANIEL EDWARD WIGODSKI, President of E and A Sales, on April 16, 1959, signed a consent to an immediate adjudication. These records reflect Judge C. D. FRIEBOLIN as Referee in Bankruptcy, [REDACTED] as Attorney for Bankrupt and [REDACTED] as Trustee. Schedules filed May 5, 1959, by the E and A Sales Company reflect the following information:

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Secured Claims                              | \$13,300.00      |
| Unsecured Claims                            | <u>49,132.24</u> |
| Total                                       | \$62,432.24      |
| Stock in Trade                              | \$50,000.00      |
| Autos and other vehicles                    | 2,000.00         |
|   | 6,000.00         |
| Machinery, fixtures and tools               | 5,000.00         |
| Deposits of money in banks<br>and elsewhere | <u>500.00</u>    |
| Total                                       | \$63,500.00      |

It is further reflected in the records that on June 8, 1959, amendments were filed to the schedules filed on May 5, 1959. These amendments are as follows:

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|                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Unsecured Claims            |             |
| Community Furniture Company | \$25,000.00 |

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|                             |                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Accounts Receivable         |                 |
| Community Furniture Company | 7,000.00        |
| Cozina Distributing Company |                 |
| Box 6, North Jackson, Ohio  | <u>1,201.27</u> |

|       |             |
|-------|-------------|
| Total | \$ 8,201.27 |
|-------|-------------|

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
INTERVIEW REPORTDate: July 8, 1959

Mrs. [ ] Reider Manufacturing Company, 2377 Front Street, Cuyahoga Falls, advised that her company has made one shipment to the Scanlon Radio and Music Company, 707 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee 3, Wisconsin, under Invoice Number 9547 dated September 3, 1958, Scanlon Order Number A-3102. She stated she made this shipment to Scanlon's after receiving a Dunn and Bradstreet report from the Akron Office setting forth their rating as E-2, which she considers to be a good rating. She indicated prior to receiving the Dunn and Bradstreet report she requested Scanlon's to furnish credit references; however, they replied that they were not accustomed to having their credit rating questioned and refused to send references. She stated this letter along with all the original correspondence and documents pertaining to this transaction were sent to the Lyon Furniture Mercantile Agency, 406 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio. Mrs. [ ] advised she was unable to recall Scanlon's furnishing credit references, but stated the records in the possession of Lyon Furniture Mercantile Agency would reflect the references if furnished.

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Mrs. [ ] stated she contacted the Toy Manufacturers of the U.S.A., Inc., 205 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, and the First Wisconsin National Bank, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in an attempt to ascertain the credit rating of Scanlon's Radio and Music Company. She stated that both the above concerns were unable to furnish any rating, and so the only rating she had pertaining to Scanlon's was that received from Dunn and Bradstreet.

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Mrs. [ ] produced a copy of Invoice Number 9547 dated September 31, 1958, which reflected the following merchandise was shipped to Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop, 707

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Interview with Mrs. [ ] File # CV 49-506

on 7/1/59 at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio Date dictated 7/2/59

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by Special Agent [ ]/maf

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West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee 3, Wisconsin, under Order  
Number A-3102:

6 #190 Silver Line Plastic  
Juvenile Rockers \$7.65 ea. \$45.90  
2 red, 2 grey, 2 turq.

12 #180 Lintweed Plastic  
Juvenile Rockers 6.60 ea. 79.20  
6 red, 6 grey

18 #170 Silver Line Platform  
Rockers 7.45 ea. 134.10

\$259.20

Less 10% 25.92

Total \$233.28

Mrs. [ ] advised she is of the opinion that her company had received a post card from the Scanlon Radio and Music Company requesting her company to furnish Scanlon's with their catalog sheets. She stated, however, that this post card is not in file and may be included in those records furnished to Lyon Furniture Mercantile Agency, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Mrs. [ ] stated that should it be necessary to subpoena anyone from her company to produce records pertaining to the above transaction, the subpoena should be directed to Mr. [ ] Reider Manufacturing Company, 2377 Front Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.



INSTRUCTIONS

1. This form may be submitted in legible hand-printing.
2. Use separate form for each individual on whom record is requested.
3. Make effort to furnish FBI Identification Number or Law Enforcement Identification Number.
4. Furnish descriptive data and fingerprint classification only when FBI Number not available.
5. Indicate office for reply in lower-left corner only. Also list in lower-left corner all offices which should receive copies of available records. Include carbon of revised FD-9 for each office receiving copies and forward with original to Bureau.
6. Do not fill in block in lower-right corner.
7. Where available furnish Law Enforcement Identification Number and Military Service Number.

To: DIRECTOR, FBI Attention: Identification Division

Date

7/14/59.

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MAIL FRAUD

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Furnish The Known Identification Record of the Following:

Name Eugene Philip Gillis

FBI No.

Other No.

Aliases None

|                                    |                    |                       |                                   |  |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Sex<br>M                           | Race<br>W          | Birth Date<br>11/7/15 | Birthplace<br>SPOKANE, WASHINGTON | Residence<br>970 BLUFF, Rd<br>GLENOC, ILLINOIS |
| Height<br>5'11"                    | Weight<br>200 Lbs. | Build<br>Heavy        | Hair<br>Dark-Balding              | Eyes<br>UNK                                    |
| Fingerprint Classification<br>UNK. |                    |                       | Complexion<br>Ruddy               | Age<br>43                                      |

Scars, marks and tattoos

NONE VISIBLE

Also Furnish:

- ☒ Photo  
☐ Fingerprints  
☐ Handwriting Specimens

Return Reply to:

SAC Milwaukee (49-320)

Send Copies To:

Identification Division's Reply:

☒ On basis of information furnished, unable to identify:

☒ Criminal Files

☒ Civil Files

☐ All Files

☐ Record Attached

☐ Photo Attached

☐ Photo Not Available

☐ Fingerprints Attached

☐ Handwriting Specimen Attached

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SAC, Detroit (49-1185)

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7/20/59, at Cleveland.

Detroit lead in rorop is being held in abeyance  
pending results of investigation requested in reairtel.

- 2 - Cleveland
- ① - Milwaukee (49-320) (INFO)
- 1 - Detroit

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (49-320)

DATE: 7/30/59

FROM : SAC, WFO (49-1191)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] aka  
ET AL; NBA - ITSP  
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Inasmuch as [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] in instant matter, has advised that he  
contemplates taking no further action relative to the  
merchandise involved in instant case which was purchased  
by the Link Sales Company of Washington, D. C., no further  
action is being taken by this office in this matter.

It is requested that the MI Office promptly  
advise WFO when it is determined that the previously  
mentioned cardboard cartons being maintained by this  
office as evidence can be appropriately disposed of. RUC.

②-Milwaukee

1-Detroit (49-1185) (Info)

1-WFO

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (49-320)

DATE: 8/3/59

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (49-950)  
*MHC*SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Aka;  
EUGENE PHILIP GILLIS;  
ET AL  
ITSP; CONSPIRACY; MAIL FRAUD  
(OO: MILWAUKEE)b6  
b7CRe report of SA [REDACTED] dated 7/14/59,  
at Milwaukee.The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] on July 22, 1959:Miss [REDACTED]  
U.S. Post Office and Courthouse, Cincinnati, advised from  
her records that she could not locate any record of a  
[REDACTED] Approved Appliance Company, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] or Approved Sew-Vac Company, having been declared  
bankrupt or having filed bankruptcy proceedings. It is  
to be noted that the above names and companies were  
mentioned in signed statements obtained by Bureau Agents  
from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in  
connection with the above-captioned case.b6  
b7CA review of the Cincinnati Division Indices  
regarding the above captioned names show that the Detroit  
Division, File Number [REDACTED] has in their possession  
information regarding [REDACTED] Aka, NBA:  
MAIL FRAUD, as contained in the report of SA (A) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] dated 9/30/58, at Detroit.In view of the fact there is no record of any  
bankruptcy proceedings in the Office of the Referee in  
Bankruptcy, Cincinnati, no further investigation regarding  
this matter is being conducted by the Cincinnati Division.

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- ② - Milwaukee
- 2 - Detroit (49-1185)
- 1 - Cincinnati

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| REPORTING OFFICE<br><b>DETROIT</b>  | OFFICE OF ORIGIN<br><b>MILWAUKEE</b> | DATE<br><b>8/31/59</b>  | INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD<br><b>7/1 - 8/25/59</b> |
| TITLE OF CASE<br><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div> aka;<br><b>ET AL</b> |                                      | REPORT MADE BY<br><div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div> (A) | TYPED BY<br><b>hs</b> b6 b7C                 |
|   |                                      | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><br><b>INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN<br/>PROPERTY - CONSPIRACY; MAIL FRAUD</b>             |  |

REFERENCES:

Cleveland Airtel to Detroit, 6/25/59 (Interoffice)  
 Report of SA  Milwaukee, 7/14/59  
 Report of SA  Cleveland, 7/20/59  
 Cleveland letter to Detroit, 8/3/59 (Interoffice)

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LEADSDETROITAT DETROIT, MICHIGAN:

1. Will locate and interview   
 of the hardware and toy departments;  
 Arlan's Discount Department Store, 1539 East Grand Boulevard.

|  |                            |  |  |
|--|----------------------------|--|--|
| APPROVED   | SPECIAL AGENT<br>IN CHARGE | DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW   |  |
| COPIES MADE:<br>2 - Bureau (49-14193)<br>③ - Milwaukee (49-320)<br>(1 - USA, Milwaukee)<br>3 - Cleveland (49-506)<br>(1 - USA, Cleveland)<br>2 - Detroit (49-1185) |                            | <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">49-320-383</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">           SEARCHED INDEXED<br/>           SERIALIZED FILED<br/> <b>SEP 1 1959</b><br/>           MILWAUKEE         </div> |  |
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Notations:

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

On August 21, 1959, [ ] advised that he was not acquainted with any individuals who owned or operated Arlan's Discount Department Store, 1539 East Grand Boulevard and 24000 West Eight Mile Road, Detroit.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee  
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Report of: [REDACTED] (A) Office: DETROIT, MICHIGAN  
Date: 8/31/59

File Number: Detroit file: 49-1185 Bureau file: 49-14193

Title: [REDACTED]  
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Character: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY -  
CONSPIRACY; MAIL FRAUD

Synopsis: Passenger list for Capital Airline flight 137 from  
Cleveland to Detroit on 6/24/59 obtained. One  
individual on this flight possibly identical with  
anonymous telephone caller to Cleveland Office on  
6/24/59, is [REDACTED] Hardware  
and Toy Departments, Arlan's Discount Department  
Store, Detroit.

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DETAILS:

A review of airline flights from Cleveland to  
Detroit showed that Capital Airline flight 137 leaves  
Cleveland, Ohio, at 5:45 p.m. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Capital Airlines, Detroit, advised on July 1,  
1959, that the manifest of passengers for flights leaving  
Cleveland is located at Capital Airlines, Cleveland.

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On July 29, 1959, Mr. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Capital Airlines, Cleveland, Hopkins  
Airport, furnished SA [REDACTED] with a copy of a  
manifest of passengers for Capital Airline flight 137 on  
June 24, 1959.

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It was noted that this passenger list showed the names of [ ] an alias of [ ] and the name [ ] an alias of [ ] and [ ] however, the name of [ ] was marked with a symbol indicating that [ ] did not show up for this flight and the name [ ] showed a connection with a flight to Lansing, Michigan.

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The names listed on this manifest of passengers, which are last names only, was compared with similar last names listed in the Detroit City Directory. This comparison determined that only one individual on this list could reasonably have been the anonymous telephone caller to the Cleveland Office on June 24, 1959. This individual is:

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Arlan's Discount Department Store

On August 9, 1959, [ ] Capital Airlines, 1248 Washington Boulevard, advised that he had no record of a reservation for a flight from Detroit to Cleveland and return for [ ] and that Arlan's Discount Department Store did not maintain a charge account with Capital Airlines. Mr. [ ] said it was possible that the Cleveland office might have the first name for the [ ] listed on flight 137 of June 24, 1959.

On August 11, 1959, [ ] advised that he had received information from his Cleveland office that Mr. [ ] and that he boarded Capital flight 137 at Cleveland, after arriving in Cleveland from Columbus, Ohio, on American Airline flight 594 of June 24, 1959. A Mr. [ ] also arrived in Cleveland from Columbus, Ohio, on American Airline flight 594 and took Capital Airline flight 137 to Detroit, Michigan.

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A review of the Detroit City Directory determined that only one [ ] was listed since 1957 and that individual was [ ] Michigan. There was no listing or a [ ] in the 1959 Michigan Bell Telephone Directories.

On August 21, 1959, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that [redacted]

and that she did not have any forwarding address for him.

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On August 25, 1959, inquiry at Arlan's Discount Department Store, 1539 East Grand Boulevard, determined that [redacted] of the Hardware and Toy Departments in this department store. Mr. [redacted] was not at the store on this date and he was not expected to return until noon on August 27, 1959.

On August 12, 1959, [redacted] Dun and Bradstreet, Inc., 1300 Cadillac Tower, Detroit, made available Dun and Bradstreet, Inc., report for Arlan's Department Stores, Inc., 24000 West Eight Mile Road, Detroit, a branch of New York, New York; a Dun and Bradstreet report on Arlan's Discount Appliances, Inc., 16581 Meyers Road, which company was to lease a concession selling appliances at Arlan's Department Store of Detroit, Inc., 24000 West Eight Mile Road; a Dun and Bradstreet Report on Arlan's Department Store of Michigan, Inc., 1539 East Grand Boulevard, a branch of a New York corporation admitted to business in Michigan on June 27, 1958, with headquarters at 350 Fifth Avenue, New York City, New York; and Arlan's Jewelry Department, 1539 East Grand Boulevard, a partnership between [redacted] and [redacted]

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A review of the above reports failed to show any reference to [redacted]

On August 12, 1959, a review of the assumed name index, Wayne County Clerk's Office by [redacted] showed that the only assumed name registered beginning with the name Arlan was Arlan's Jewelry Department, 1539 East Grand Boulevard. The name was registered by [redacted]

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[redacted] on September 11, 1958. The only Michigan annual report on file is for Arlan's Department Store of Detroit, Inc., 350 Fifth Avenue, New York 1, New York, which report shows the principal place of business as 24000 West Eight Mile Road, Detroit.

The officers and directors of this corporation were shown as [redacted] and [redacted] both of [redacted] and [redacted]

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| TITLE OF CASE<br><br><b>[REDACTED] aka.<br/>ET AL</b> |                                      | Report made by<br><b>[REDACTED]</b>  | Typed By:<br><b>ymr</b>                      |
|   |                                      | CH <b>[REDACTED]</b>   |  |
|   |                                      | <b>INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF<br/>STOLEN PROPERTY - CONSPIRACY;<br/>MAIL FRAUD</b> |  |

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## REFERENCES

Report of SA **[REDACTED]** dated 7/20/59 at Cleveland.  
Report of SA **[REDACTED]** dated 7/14/59 at Milwaukee.

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## LEADS

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## MILWAUKEE:

### AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

It is being left to the discretion of the Milwaukee Division to set out leads for Cincinnati to determine identity of **[REDACTED]** in view of indictment already returned.

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CINCINNATI: (INFORMATION)

One copy of instant report is being furnished to the Cincinnati Division in view of the information furnished by [redacted] relative to [redacted]

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On August 24, 1959, [redacted] advised the Cleveland Division that IRVING LICHTERMAN and [redacted] of E and A Sales Company, had received approximately [redacted] checks over a period of time from one [redacted]. This was said to be in payment for items purchased by [redacted] from the E and A Sales Company prior to their bankruptcy. [redacted] said that LICHTERMAN and [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that the only thing he knows about [redacted] is that he is in the [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONCopy to: 1 - USA, Cleveland  
1 - USA, MilwaukeeReport of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: 9/17/59

Office: CLEVELAND, OHIO

File Number: CLEVELAND 49-506

BUREAU 49-14193

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b7CTitle: [REDACTED]  
ET ALCharacter: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY - CONSPIRACY;  
MAIL FRAUD

## Synopsis:

AUSA, Cleveland, declines prosecution of LICHTERMAN and WIGODSKI under National Bankruptcy Act Statute.

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DETAILS:

On September 2, 1959, Assistant U.S. Attorney [REDACTED] Cleveland, Northern District, Eastern Division, advised he would not consider prosecution of IRVING LICHTERMAN and DANIEL E. WIGODSKI under the National Bankruptcy Act statute inasmuch as indictment has been returned against these subjects in Milwaukee and, further, that the documentary evidence available is insufficient to prove that E and A Sales Company, WIGODSKI and LICHTERMAN, concealed assets of the Scanlon Radio and Music Company, Milwaukee. He further stated that actual testimony of IRVING LICHTERMAN at hearing in Cleveland, Ohio, under Bankruptcy Section 21A without corroborating records is not sufficient evidence to support prosecution for fraud or perjury.

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|   |                                      | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><br><b>INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN<br/>PROPERTY - CONSPIRACY; MAIL FRAUD</b> |                                       |

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Synopsis:  
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REFERENCE: Report of SA(A) ROBERT P. KEEHAN at Detroit dated 8/31/59.

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Report of: SA(A) ROBERT P. KEHANE  
Date: September 17, 1959

Office: Detroit, Michigan

File Number: Detroit 49-1185

Bureau 49-14193

Title:

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Character: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN  
PROPERTY - CONSPIRACY; MAIL FRAUD

Synopsis:

[REDACTED] advised that he was an employee of Arlan's Department Stores, Inc. and that the major buying for this store was done in New York City.

[REDACTED] denied knowing of Scanlon's in Milwaukee and E and A Sales Company, Cleveland. He stated he has not been to Cleveland for several years. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] of toys and housewares for George C. Wetherbee Company, advised that no individual named [REDACTED] is employed by this company. He said his company has not purchased from E and A Sales Company, Cleveland, and no one from his company has been in Cleveland for several months.

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DETAILS: AT DETROIT:

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On September 9, 1959, [redacted] advised that he was the [redacted] of the hardware and toy departments at Arlan's Discount Department Store, 1539 East Grand Boulevard. Mr. [redacted] stated that he was not the owner of these departments but that he was an employee of Arlan's Department Stores, New York City. He stated that the major part of the purchases in these departments are made through the buyer for Arlan's in New York City, but that he was permitted to make small purchases from Consolidated Athletic Supply Company and L and N Supply Company, Detroit, with the approval of the New York buyer.

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[redacted] stated that he has not heard of Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop, Milwaukee, or E and A Sales Company, Cleveland, Ohio. He further stated that he was not acquainted with Rich-Mor Sales Company, Detroit. He stated that he does not make any buying trips for Arlan's as this is done by the buyer for Arlan's in New York. Mr. [redacted] stated that he did not know any other [redacted] in this type of business in Detroit and that the only other [redacted] he knew were [redacted] and [redacted] for Harry Suffrin Clothiers. Mr. [redacted] stated that he was not acquainted with any individual named [redacted] however, there is a supply house in Detroit named George C. Wetherbee Company, which company is a distributor of housewares and toys. Mr. [redacted] stated that this was a very reputable company. He said that in his opinion the only companies in Detroit that would buy large quantities of distressed merchandise were:

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Sweeney's and Bargain Center Stores  
[redacted]

Merchandise Mart  
owned by [redacted]

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Morris Hardware Stores  
owned by [redacted] and  
[redacted]

C and H. Hardware.

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On September 9, 1959, [redacted]  
[redacted] of toys and housewares for George C. Wetherbee Company, 2566 East Grand Boulevard, advised that this company is owned by Mr. [redacted]. He stated that there has not been an individual named [redacted] affiliated with the company for many years. He said that he and a Mr. [redacted] do all of the buying of this type of merchandise.

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Mr. [redacted] stated that the name Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop was vaguely recalled by him but that he could remember no details about this company. He said that he was not familiar with E and A Sales Company, Cleveland, Ohio, and after checking his Accounts Payable record he advised that his company had no record of purchases from E and A Sales Company. Mr. [redacted] said that no one from his company has been to Cleveland for several months as they attend houseware shows generally only in New York and Chicago.

All of the names mentioned above were compared with the passenger list for Capital Airline Flight 137 from Cleveland to Detroit on June 24, 1959, but none of the above names appeared on this list.

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|  |                                      | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><br><b>INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN<br/>PROPERTY - CONSPIRACY; MAIL FRAUD</b>         |  |

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## REFERENCES

Report of SA  7/14/59, Milwaukee.

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## LEAD

**MILWAUKEE:**

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Will follow and report further Federal Grand Jury and other prosecutive action taken in this case.

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Report of: SA [redacted]  
Date: September 24, 1959

Office: Milwaukee

File Number: Milwaukee 49-320; Bureau 49-14193

Title: [redacted] Et Al

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b7CCharacter: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN  
PROPERTY - CONSPIRACY; MAIL FRAUD

## Synopsis:

Records, District Court, EDW, reflected AUSA [redacted] by date 9/8/59, filed reply brief in answer to motion dated 6/17/59, filed on behalf of subjects IRVING R. LICHTERMAN and DANIEL E. WIGODSKI for change of venue from EDW to Federal District Court for Northern District of Ohio. Per AUSA [redacted] Federal Grand Jury to be recalled around 10/12/59 to hear witnesses in this case relative to conspiracy violation against subject EUGENE PHILIP GILLIS.

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## DETAILS:

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On September 21, 1959, the records of Federal District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, under file 59-CR-52 reflected that Assistant U. S. Attorney [redacted] by date September 8, 1959, filed a reply brief in answer to the motion dated June 17, 1959, filed on behalf of subjects IRVING R. LICHTERMAN and DANIEL E. WIGODSKI for a change of venue from the Federal District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, to the Federal District Court for the Northern District of Ohio.

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On September 21, 1959, Assistant U. S. Attorney [redacted] advised that the Federal Grand Jury is to be recalled around October 12, 1959, for it to hear witnesses in this case relative to a conspiracy violation against subject EUGENE PHILIP GILLIS.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (49-320)

DATE: September 24, 1959

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (49-2158)

SUBJECT: [redacted] aka.,  
 ET AL  
 ITSP - CONSPIRACY; MAIL FRAUD

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Rerep of SA [redacted] dated 7/14/59 at  
 Milwaukee.

Enclosed for the Milwaukee Office to be used as an  
 insert in a report are nine copies of an SF 64 containing  
 a signed statement by [redacted] and nine copies  
 of an FD 302 reflecting an interview with [redacted]

The originals of the SF 64 and the FD302 and the  
~~initial~~ photographs of DANIEL WIGODSKI and IRVING LICHTERMAN  
 are being maintained as a part of the Chicago file.

Numerous contacts have been made at Chicago phone  
 number [redacted] in an effort to interview [redacted]  
 This phone when it is answered is usually answered by a female  
 who advises that [redacted] is not at home. A message is then  
 left for [redacted] to call SA JOSEPH E. ZIEL at the Chicago  
 Office immediately upon his return. These messages have been  
 completely ignored.

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A check of the phone number [redacted] reveals that  
 it is listed to [redacted]  
 Chicago, Illinois. Contact with numerous individuals, all of  
 whom are of the Negro race, at [redacted] has  
 failed to develop in which of the dozen or more apartments  
 in the building [redacted] or [redacted] resides.  
 The Chicago Office will continue to telephonically and personally  
 attempt to locate [redacted]

Numerous contacts have also been made to locate  
 truck drivers [redacted] RAY JOHNSON and [redacted]  
 all of whom are of the Negro race. Telephone messages have

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been left at the homes of each of these individuals and personal contacts made with their relatives to have these persons call the Chicago Office, all to no avail. Periodic spot checks at the residences of these three individuals has failed to develop information that any of them were home during these spot checks.

Unless the Milwaukee Office deems these interviews with [redacted] RAY JOHNSON and [redacted] absolutely essential, no further effort will be made by the Chicago Office to locate these truck drivers.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Milwaukee (49-320)

DATE: 10-1-59

FROM : SAC, Cleveland (49-506)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] aka, ETAL  
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Confidential Informant [REDACTED] on 9-29-59 advised  
that [REDACTED] IRVING LICHTERMAN and EDDIE  
WIGODSKI [REDACTED]

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| CHARACTER OF CASE  |                  |                |                      |
| INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN<br>PROPERTY - Conspiracy; Mail Fraud |                  |                |                      |

Synopsis:  
//// REFERENCE: Chicago letter to Milwaukee 9/24/59.

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## LEADS:

### CHICAGO: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

Will continue efforts to locate and interview [redacted]  
RAY JOHNSON and [redacted]

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### DETROIT: AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN:

Will recontact [redacted] in an effort to locate and interview  
[redacted] (see Detroit airtel to Chicago 1/22/59).

### MILWAUKEE: AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN:

Will follow and report further Federal Grand Jury and other  
prosecutive action taken in this matter.

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Title:

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Character:

INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY -  
Conspiracy; MAIL FRAUD

Synopsis:

[REDACTED] unable to identify photos of Subjects WIGODSKI and LICHTERMAN. Subject [REDACTED] identified photos of DANIEL WIGODSKI as person present at Knickerbocker Hotel during 9/58 and identified photo of IRVING LICHTERMAN as being person mourning death of father in Detroit. Efforts to locate [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] negative to date.

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DETAILS:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
INTERVIEW REPORTDate August 23, 1959

[redacted] advised on August 26, 1959, in the presence of [redacted] after viewing the photographs of DANIEL WIGODSKI and IRVING LICHTERMAN, that she was unable to say that she had ever seen either of these two men before. She advised that she was present in the room in the Knickerbocker Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September, 1958, when [redacted] had visitors from out of town. She stated that while she was unable to identify WIGODSKI or LICHTERMAN from the photographs, she feels that if she saw the two men in person again, she could possibly make an identification as to which man was present in the hotel room at that time. The reason for her inability to identify photographs of either of these two individuals as the man who was in the room, according to her, is that she paid very little attention to these men at that time.

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Interview with Mrs. [redacted] File # 49-2158  
on 8/26/59 at Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 8/27/59  
by Special Agent JOSEPH E. ZIEL and MARLIN H. MOORE/ank

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (49-2158)

DATE: August 28, 1959

Dictated: August 27, 1959

FROM : SA JOSEPH E. ZIEL

SUBJECT:

[REDACTED]  
 aka.; ET AL  
 ITSP; CONSPIRACY; MAIL FRAUD

On August 26, 1959, SA JOSEPH E. ZIEL and MARLIN H. MOORE interviewed [REDACTED] at his apartment at [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois. Also present during the course of this interview was [REDACTED]

The following signed statement was obtained from [REDACTED]

"August 26, 1959

"Chicago, Illinois  
August 26, 1959

"I, [REDACTED] make the following statement freely and voluntarily to Joseph E. Ziel and Marlin H. Moore who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I realize that I do not have to make this statement and that it can be used in a court of law against me. No threats or promises have been made to me. I have been advised of my right to consult an attorney.

"During September 1958 while I had a room at the Knickerbocker Hotel in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Edward Wigodski and a friend named [REDACTED] came to my hotel room. I have identified a photograph of Daniel Wigodski as the Edward Wigodski that came to my room at the Knickerbocker. I have been shown a photograph of Irving Lichterman and have advised the above agents that he is not [REDACTED] the friend of Edward Wigodski. I have signed and dated both of these photographs. The person mourning the death of his father in Detroit whom [REDACTED] Shubow, Gillis and I met, was Irving Lichterman whose photograph I have signed and initialed.

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The only thing I can recall about [ ] is that he was a business man from Columbus, Ohio, who reportedly had a bankruptcy where Lichterman and Wigodski bought [ ] merchandise.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this and one other page and to the best of my recollection it is true and correct. I have initialed the correction.

"/s/ [ ]  
August 26, 1959  
Chicago, Illinois

"Witnessed by: "/s/ Joseph E Ziel - F.B.I. -  
Chicago, Ill. 8/26/59  
"/s/ Marlin H Moore F.B.I.,  
Chicago, Ill. 8/26/59"

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By communication dated September 24, 1959, the Chicago Division informed that although numerous attempts had been made by that office to contact [redacted] and [redacted] these attempts have been negative to date.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (49-320)

DATE: October 16, 1959

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (49-2158)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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ITSP - CONSPIRACY; MAIL FRAUDb6  
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Rerep of SA [REDACTED] dated 7/14/59 at Milwaukee.

On October 6, 1959, [REDACTED] was interviewed by SAs JOSEPH E. ZIEL and [REDACTED] at the Chicago Office of the FBI, 212 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois. [REDACTED] furnished the following signed statement:

"Chicago, Ill.  
October 6, 1959

"I, [REDACTED] make the following statement freely and voluntarily to Joseph E. Ziel and [REDACTED] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to me and I have been advised of my right to have a lawyer. I realize that this statement may be used in a court of law against me.

"I was born 9/30/38 in Winona, Miss. I graduated from high school. I recall an incident which happened about a year ago when I was working at Scanlon's warehouse in West Allis, Wisconsin. At that time two unknown men came to the warehouse looking for [REDACTED] was not around at that minute and these two men then left the warehouse. After these men left, on the same day, I was in telephonic contact with [REDACTED] and informed him that these two men were looking for him. I have been shown a photograph of Irving Lechterman and of Daniel Wigodski, both of which I have signed on the back side. I do not recall ever having seen Daniel

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Wigodski. One of the two men who come to Scanlon's warehouse, as mentioned above, may have been Irving Lichterman, however, I cannot be positive of the identification. The reason for my lack of positive identification is because I only saw these men for a few minutes at the warehouse.

"I have read an Intianal the above Statement which consist of this and one other page and to the best of my recollection it is true and correct.

"/s/ [redacted]  
Oct. 6, 1959

"Witnessed by: "/s/ Joseph E. Ziel, Special Agent,  
FBI-Chicago 10/6/59

"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent  
FBI, Chicago, Ill. 10/6/59"

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[redacted] initialed the photographs of IRVING LICHTERMAN and DAVID WIGODSKI. These photographs and the signed statement are being retained in the Chicago Office.

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TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (49-320)  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (49-2158)  
SUBJECT: [REDACTED] aka.; ET AL  
ITSP - CONSPIRACY; MAIL FRAUD

The Chicago Office was telephonically contacted this date by [REDACTED] who advised that he represents EUGENE GILLIS. Mr. [REDACTED] advised that he had heard that there was a warrant outstanding for the arrest of GILLIS. This warrant, according to [REDACTED] was issued in Milwaukee. [REDACTED] stated that GILLIS is presently out of touch, but would get in touch with GILLIS and have him turn himself in if there was in fact a warrant outstanding.

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[REDACTED] later again telephonically contacted the Chicago Office and advised that he had just learned that there was definitely a warrant outstanding for GILLIS, and that he would surrender to the USM in Chicago on Mon., 11/30/59. [REDACTED] pointed out that GILLIS is not attempting to flee.

Milwaukee advise if warrant outstanding against GILLIS, and action desired by the Chicago Office.

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REGULAR MAIL

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (49-2158)  
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (49-320)  
RE : [REDACTED] aka. Etal  
ITSP - CONSPIRACY; MAIL FRAUD

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Reurairtel November 25, 1959.

Federal Grand Jury, Milwaukee, November 19, 1959, returned true bill charging subject EUGENE PHILIP GILLIS with violation Sections 2, 371, 2314 and 2315, Title 18, U.S. Code. Bench warrant issued same date. GILLIS' arrest being handled through U.S. Marshal's Office.

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CHICAGO OFFICE  
AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Will follow and report removal of subject GILLIS from Chicago, Illinois to Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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- 2 - Chicago (49-2158) (REGULAR MAIL)
- 1 - Milwaukee (49-320)

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| TITLE OF CASE<br><br>[REDACTED] Aka<br>Et Al |                                      | Report made by<br>SA [REDACTED]   | Typed By:<br>pap                        |
|  |                                      | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><br><b>INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN<br/>PROPERTY - CONSPIRACY; MAIL FRAUD</b> |   |

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Synopsis:  
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## REFERENCES:

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 10/12/59 at Milwaukee.  
Chicago letter to Milwaukee 10/16/59.

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## LEADS:

### THE CHICAGO DIVISION AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

Will follow and report removal of subject EUGENE PHILIP GILLIS  
from Chicago, Illinois to Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

### THE MILWAUKEE DIVISION AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN:

Will follow and report further prosecutive action taken in this  
matter.

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| Approved<br><br>[Signature]  | Special Agent<br>In Charge | Do not write in spaces below |  |
| Copies made:<br><br>1-Bureau (49-14193)<br>1-USA, Milwaukee<br>2-Chicago (49-2185)<br>2-Milwaukee (49-320) |                            | 49-320-393                   |  |
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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Copy to: 1 USA, Milwaukee

Report of: SA [redacted]  
Date: 11/27/59

Office: MILWAUKEE

File Number: BU file 49-14193

MI file 49-320

Title: [redacted] Et Al

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CONSPIRACY; MAIL FRAUD

## Synopsis:

Federal Grand Jury, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 11/19/59 returned true bill charging subject EUGENE PHILIP GILLIS with violation of Sections 2,371, 2314 and 2315, Title 18, U.S. Code. Bench warrant issued same date. [redacted] in signed statement recalls two men visiting Scanlon's Warehouse, Milwaukee, looking for [redacted] unable to identify photographs of subjects IRVING LICHTERMAN or DANIEL WIGODSKI as being one of these two men.

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DETAILS:AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN:

On November 24, 1959, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that the Federal Grand Jury at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on November 19, 1959, returned a true bill charging subject EUGENE PHILIP GILLIS with violating Sections 2,371, 2314 and 2315, Title 18, U.S. Code, for having transported in interstate commerce goods, wares and merchandise knowing the same to have been converted and taken by fraud. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that a bench warrant signed by Federal Judge ROBERT E. TEHAN was issued the same date.

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By communication dated October 16, 1959, the Chicago Division advised as follows:

On October 6, 1959, [redacted] was interviewed by SAS JOSEPH E. ZIEL and [redacted] at the Chicago office of the FBI, 212 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] furnished the following signed statement:

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"Chicago, Ill.  
October 6, 1959

"I, [redacted] make the following statement freely and voluntarily to Joseph E. Ziel and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to me and I have been advised of my right to have a lawyer. I realize that this statement may be used in a court of law against me.

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"I was born [redacted] in [redacted] I graduated from high school. I recall an incident which happened about a year ago when I was working at Scanlon's Warehouse in West Allis, Wisconsin. At that time two unknown men came to the warehouse looking for [redacted] was not around at that minute and these two men then left the warehouse. After these men left, on the same day, I was in telephonic contact with [redacted] and informed him that these two men were looking for him. I have been shown a photograph of Irving Lechterman and of Daniel Wigodski, both of which I have signed on the back side. I do not recall ever having seen Daniel Wigodski. One of the two men who come to Scanlon's warehouse, as mentioned above, may have been Irving Lichterman, however, I cannot be positive of the identification. The reason for my lack of positive identification is because I only saw these men for a few minutes at the warehouse.

"I have read an Intianal the above Statement which consist of this and one other page and to the best of my recollection it is true and correct.

"/s/ [redacted]  
Oct, 6, 1959

"Witnessed by: "/s/ Joseph E. Ziel, Special Agent,  
FBI-Chicago 10/6/59  
"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent  
FBI, Chicago, Ill. 10/6/59"

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[redacted] initialed the photographs of IRVING LICHTERMAN and DANIEL WIGODSKI. These photographs and the signed statement are being retained in the Chicago Office. b6 b7C

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (49-320)

DATE: November 27, 1959

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (49-1185)

SUBJECT:

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ITSP - CONSPIRACY; MAIL FRAUDRerep of SA [redacted] at Milwaukee, dated  
October 12, 1959.b6  
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On November 5, 1959, [redacted] advised SA JOHN W. MILLER that he [redacted] since last contacted by SA [redacted] and that no information had come to his attention as to the whereabouts of [redacted]. He advised that he would make discreet inquiry and if any information was obtained, he would contact SA MILLER.

On November 18, 1959, and November 19, 1959, [redacted] Merchants Credit Bureau and Mr. [redacted] Michigan Merchants Credit Association, both of Detroit, advised IC [redacted] that their files contain no credit information identifiable with [redacted].

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On November 12, 1959, and November 18, 1959, [redacted] Bureau of Identification, Detroit Police Department, and Mrs. [redacted] Wayne County Sheriff's Office, Detroit, advised IC [redacted] that their files contain no arrest record identifiable with [redacted].

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (49-320)

DATE: 11/27/59

FROM : SAC, WFO (49-1191)

SUBJECT:  aka, etal.  
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It is requested that this office be advised whether or not the above captioned matter has been disposed of in court, and if so, what disposition may be made of the four empty cardboard cartons obtained by this office from the Link Sales Company, which are being maintained by this office as possible evidentiary purposes.

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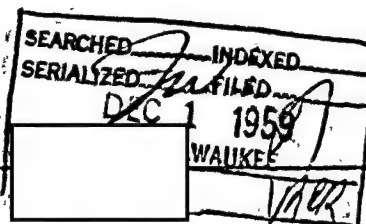
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Reurairtel dated 11/28/59.

EUGENE GILLIS surrendered to United States Marshal, Chicago, through his attorney 11/30/59 and arraigned before Federal Judge MICHAEL L. IGOE who set bond at \$500. GILLIS waived removal to Milwaukee and made bond. Report follows.

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Special Agent in Charge

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| TITLE OF CASE<br><br><b>et al</b>  |                                      | Report made by<br><b>JOSEPH E. ZIEL</b>   | Typed By:<br><b>CMS</b>                 |
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REFERENCES: Report of SA [ ] dated 10/12/59 at Milwaukee.  
Report of SA [ ] dated 11/27/59 at Milwaukee.

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### THE CHICAGO DIVISION

#### AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

\* Will continue efforts to locate and interview [ ]

[ ] RAY JOHNSON and [ ]

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| Approved   | Special Agent<br>In Charge | Do not write in spaces below  |  |
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago  
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Report of: SA JOSEPH E. ZIEL  
Date: December 4, 1959

Office: CHICAGO

File Number: CG 49-2158  
BU 49-14193

Title:  et al

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Character: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF  
STOLEN PROPERTY - CONSPIRACY;  
Synopsis: MAIL FRAUD

EUGENE GILLIS surrendered to UHM, Chicago, 11/30/59 and arraigned before Federal Judge MICHAEL L. IGOE.

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**DETAILS:**

EUGENE GILLIS surrendered to the United States Marshal at Chicago, Illinois through his attorney on November 30, 1959 and was arraigned before Federal Judge MICHAEL L. IGOE, who upon request of GILLIS' attorney set the bond at \$500.

The Government's case was handled in Chicago by Assistant United States Attorney  GILLIS waived removal to Milwaukee and made bond. He agreed to appear in Milwaukee when requested by Federal authorities at Milwaukee.

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SAC, WFO (49-1191)

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SAC, MILWAUKEE (49-320)

Aka, Et Al  
ITSP - CONSPIRACY; MAIL FRAUD

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Re your letter 11/27/59.

Trial not held to date in instant case and WFO is requested not to dispose of four empty cardboard cartons obtained from Link Sales Company until such time as they are advised by Milwaukee.

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2-WFO (49-1191)  
1-Milwaukee (49-320)

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**December 3, 1959**

**EUGENE GILLIS**

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## REFERENCE

Report of SA  at Milwaukee 11/27/59

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## LEADS

### MILWAUKEE DIVISION

### AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Will follow and report further prosecutive action taken in this matter.

## ADMINISTRATIVE

On 11/5/59,  advised SA JOHN W. MILLER that he  since last contacted by SA MILLER and that no information had come to his attention as to the whereabouts of  He advised

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that he would make discreet inquiry and if any information was obtained, he would contact SA MILLER.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: USA, MILWAUKEE

Report of: [REDACTED]  
Date: 12/18/59

Office: MILWAUKEE

File Number: BU (49-14193) MI (49-320)

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Title: [REDACTED] ET AL

Character: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN  
PROPERTY; CONSPIRACY - MAIL FRAUD

Synopsis: EUGENE PHILIP GILLIS appeared before USDJ ROBERT E. TEHAN, 12/7/59, and pleaded "not guilty" to charges contained in indictment returned 11/19/59 and released on \$500.00 bond. Efforts at Detroit, Mich., to locate [REDACTED] negative.

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## DETAILS:

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On December 14, 1959, the files of the U.S. Attorney's Office as made available by Assistant U.S. Attorney [REDACTED] to SA [REDACTED] reflected that EUGENE PHILIP GILLIS on December 7, 1959, appeared before U.S. District Judge ROBERT E. TEHAN, and pleaded "not guilty" to charges contained in indictment returned against him on November 19, 1959 by Federal Grand Jury, Milwaukee. He was released on \$500.00 bond.

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By communication dated November 27, 1959, the Detroit Division advised as follows:

On November 18, 1959, and November 19, 1959, [REDACTED] Merchants Credit Bureau and Mr. [REDACTED] Michigan Merchants Credit Association, both of Detroit, advised IC [REDACTED] that their files contain no credit information identifiable with [REDACTED] also known as [REDACTED]



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On November 12, 1959, and November 18, 1959, [redacted]  
[redacted] Bureau of Identification, Detroit Police Department,  
and Mrs. [redacted] Wayne County Sheriff's  
Office, Detroit, advised IC [redacted] that their files con-  
tain no arrest record identifiable with [redacted]  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Milwaukee (49-320)

DATE: December 23, 1959

FROM : SAC, Chicago (49-2158)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] ET AL  
ITSP - CONSPIRACY; MAIL FRAUDb6  
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Re report of SA JOSEPH E. ZIEL December 4, 1959.

Interview of [REDACTED] and RAYMOND JOHNSON set forth in attached FD 302's. RAYMOND JOHNSON declined to furnish a signed statement.

It will be noted by the Milwaukee Office that [REDACTED] mentioned that one load of merchandise was transported from Detroit to Rome, Georgia, and another load was transported from Detroit to Danville, Illinois. Inasmuch as the specific places of delivery were unknown to [REDACTED] and the information about these loads known to [REDACTED] is of a nebulous nature, no leads are being set forth by the Chicago Office, but this information is furnished to Milwaukee to be used at their discretion.

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The enclosures consist of nine FD 302's for [REDACTED] and nine FD 302's for RAYMOND JOHNSON.

The Chicago Office will continue efforts to locate [REDACTED] and report interview with him.

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Synopsis:

## REFERENCE

Report SA  Milwaukee, 12/18/59.  
Chicago letter to Milwaukee, 12/23/59. (I.O.)

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**MILWAUKEE DIVISION**  
At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Will follow and report further prosecutive action  
taken in this matter.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1--USA, Milwaukee

Report of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: 1/18/60

Office: MILWAUKEE

File Number: MI 49-320

BU 49-14193

Title:

[REDACTED]  
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b7CCharacter: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN  
PROPERTY-CONSPIRACY; MAIL FRAUD

Synopsis:

RAYMOND RUSH JOHNSON admitted hauling two truck loads Scanlon's merchandise from Milwaukee, one to Detroit, other to Cleveland. [REDACTED], admitted hauling 16 or 17 truck loads of Scanlon's merchandise from Milwaukee, Wis., 12 to Cleveland, and about 4 or 5 to Detroit. He has admitted making three trips from Detroit to West Virginia, Washington, D. C. and Syracuse, New York.

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DETAILS:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
INTERVIEW REPORTDate December 18, 1959

RAYMOND RUSH JOHNSON advised that he was born on December 13, 1917, in Manila, Phillipine Islands. He gave his occupation as a wildcat truck driver. He advised that he was originally contacted in the early fall of 1958 by [ ] or BOB WILLIAMS at the Trucker's Paradise in regard to hauling merchandise from Milwaukee. JOHNSON stated that he made only two trips out of Milwaukee for Scanlon's warehouse, one of those was to Cleveland to some place on Euclid Street on the east side. The other was from Milwaukee to a place in Detroit, which was surrounded by a large fence and appeared to be a place where a lot of old cars were stored. JOHNSON advised that the reason he did not make more trips for Scanlons was because he has a large truck, and he had to "deadhead" it to Milwaukee to pick up the merchandise for further delivery. He stated that he could make more money going direct from Chicago to either Detroit or Cleveland.

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On the two trips he made out of Milwaukee, he was furnished the papers for the load by [ ] who told him where to make deliveries before he reached Milwaukee. The delivery he made to Detroit was on a Sunday, and when he got into Detroit, he telephoned a person who gave him directions to the place where the merchandise was to be unloaded. At this place, he met the person he telephoned, who was a young man with blond hair. JOHNSON advised that he did not make any trips other than the two he mentioned above for Scanlons either out of Milwaukee or out of any other city. He does recall that one of the loads was taken to Columbus, Ohio, after it had reached either Cleveland or Detroit and before it was unloaded. This load was driven by either [ ] or [ ] both of whom are truck drivers from Peoria, Illinois.

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JOHNSON stated that he first met [ ] and [ ] in the summer of 1958 where he had gone at the suggestion of someone who stated that these people were looking for truck drivers. He advised that at that time [ ] and [ ] were operating a large appliance type store on the southwest corner of West Roosevelt Avenue in Berwyn, Illinois

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Interview with RAYMOND RUSH JOHNSON File # 49-2158  
5231 South Ingleside  
on 12/18/59 at Chicago, Illinois Date dictated 12/14/59  
by Special Agent JOSEPH E. ZILL and [ ] /gaa

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
INTERVIEW REPORTDate December 18, 1959

On December 8, 1959, [ ] advised that in regard to hauling merchandise from Scanlons in Milwaukee to Detroit and Cleveland he was merely a truck driver and never knew or understood the operation being conducted. He did advise, however, that after he had made a number of trips, he became a little suspicious of the activities at Scanlons inasmuch as merchandise was being moved out of Scanlons as fast as it was being received. In regard to his activities, in hauling this merchandise B&ST furnished the following signed statement:

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"Chicago, Illinois  
December 8, 1959

"I, [ ], make the following statement freely and voluntarily to Joseph E. Ziel and [ ] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the F.B.I. I have been advised that I may have a lawyer and any statement I make may be used in a court of law against me. No threats or promises have been made to me.

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"I was born [ ] and have completed the [ ] grade in school. I was first contacted by Bob Williams who told me that he had a hauling job for me out of Milwaukee. This was a day or two after Labor Day in 1958. I took my truck from Chicago to Milwaukee where I called a phone number that was given to me by Williams. A man at this number told me to go to Scanlon's Warehouse in West Allison, Wisconsin. I parked by truck behind Scanlons where it was loaded for me and the papers were given to me by [ ] or [ ]. After my truck was loaded I went directly to Cleveland or Detroit. I made about twelve trips from Scanlons to Cleveland and about four or five trips to Detroit. I made about three trips from Detroit to West Virginia, Washington D.C., and Syracuse, N.Y. Whoever would give me the bills would also give me a scrap of paper with either a phone number or an address where I was to make the deliveries. In Detroit

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I made deliveries at either Prairie or Grand River Straets. In Detroit I was met by [ ] who directed me where to make deliveries. In Cleveland I made deliveries only to E and S Sales at about 7200 Euclid. Directections for deliveries in Cleveland were given to me in Milwaukee before I left there. I, at one time, saw Shubow in Detroit at the Grand River stop where he looked at the load and left. All of the above took place in September or October of 1958. I received about \$150.00 for each load I hauled. I never knew that any of the merchandise was stolen.

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"I have read the above statement consist of this an one orthe page an to the best of my kowge it is true an correct."

"/s/ [ ]

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"Witnessed by: "/s/ Joseph E. Ziel, Special Agent  
FBI Chicago, Ill. 12/8/59  
"/s/ [ ] Special  
Agent, FBI, Chicago, Ill 12/8/59

In addition to the above signed statement, [ ] advised that while in Detroit unloading the merchandise, he had heard from persons unknown to him that one load of merchandise had been sent from Detroit to Rome, Georgia, and another load had been sent from Detroit to an unknown novelty company in Danville, Illinois. However, [ ] was unable to recall which truck drivers had made these trips nor was he able to furnish the place in either of these two cities where the merchandise was taken. [ ] further advised that none of the merchandise from Scanlons had come to Chicago either direct from Milwaukee or after it had gone to either Detroit or Cleveland. In regard to merchandise which was hauled from Detroit to Syracuse, [ ] seemed to recall that a company by the name of Riss and Company did the hauling to Syracuse.

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[ ] after seeing photographs of DANIEL WIGODSKI, IRVING LICHTERMAN, [ ] and EUGENE GILLIS was unable to identify any of these individuals



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as persons he had seen in connection with the Scanlon's warehouse or their activities.

[ ] advised that he painted the name H & H Toy Company on the side of his truck after picking this name out of the "thin air." The purpose of this, according to [ ] was to avoid being stopped while traveling between states with the merchandise.

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At one time, while in Detroit, [ ] advised that he stayed at the Flamingo Plaza Hotel where he spent money lavishly and was flashing a roll of about \$600.00 or \$700.00, all of which was the money he received for hauling the merchandise for the Scanlon Corporation. [ ] also advised that he gave presents of transistor radios, cigarette lighters, pocketbooks, and other miscellaneous items to girls in Detroit. He advised that all of the items that he gave away he had taken from the Scanlon's merchandise without their permission or knowledge.

## Fraud Trial Is Scheduled Separation Is Denied

Three persons indicted in connection with the Scanlon discount house fraud will have to stand trial here together, Federal Judge Robert E. Tehan ruled Monday.

The three, Jacob L. Shubow, Detroit, and Irving I. Lichterman and Daniel E. Wigodski, both of Cleveland, had asked for separate trials in their home cities on the grounds that it would be costly to bring witnesses and records to Milwaukee. They also contended that since each had been charged with just part of the 21 counts in the indictment, a joint trial would result in introduction of evidence that would be prejudicial.

### Denies a Petition

Judge Tehan said a jury would have no difficulty in isolating evidence that Lichterman and Wigodski allegedly conspired to transport fraudulently obtained merchandise from Milwaukee to Cleveland from evidence that Shubow allegedly was involved in a similar operation from Milwaukee to Detroit.

Judge Tehan also denied a petition by Shubow to quash the indictment against him on the grounds that the charges listed were vague.

### Eight Are Named

The indictments named eight persons, all from out of state, in connection with the alleged fraud, which ran up bills of about \$500,000 with some 1,300 wholesalers. They resulted from the operation of Scanlon's discount house, formerly at 707 W. Wisconsin av.

The government accused James H. Bishop, 32, Detroit, of being the leader in the fraud. The government said that he came here in July, 1958, and bought Scanlon's, which had a high credit rating. He disappeared the day an involuntary bankruptcy petition was filed against him in federal court here and was arrested later in California.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (49-320)

DATE: February 10, 1960

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (49-1185)

SUBJECT:

[REDACTED] aka;  
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ITSP - CONSPIRACY; MAIL FRAUD  
OO: MILWAUKEE

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For information of the office of origin, Detroit is maintaining various documents, etc., as exhibits in this matter.

Enclosed herewith are Thermofax copies (11 pages) of the various bulky exhibit green sheets containing descriptions of the various exhibits.

It is possible that some of these exhibits may be of interest to the office of origin and/or the United States Attorney's Office in connection with prosecutive action. Milwaukee is requested to examine the enclosures and advise Detroit if appropriate disposition, such as destruction, return to source, or transmittal to the office of origin, may be made of the exhibits at this time. Milwaukee is also requested to advise Detroit of the disposition of prosecution action in this matter.

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To date this case has not gone to trial. In view of this fact the Detroit Division is requested to retain all of the exhibits listed in relet until such time as it is advised to the contrary by the Milwaukee Office.

2-Detroit (49-1185)  
1-Milwaukee (49320)

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BULKY EXHIBIT - INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

Bufile:

49-14193

Field Division

Milwaukee

Date

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Title and Character of Case:

[REDACTED] AKA;  
[REDACTED] AKA.;  
[REDACTED] Aka.; ET AL  
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Date Property Acquired:

10/14/58

Source From Which Property Acquired:

Scanlon's Radio & Music  
707 West Wisconsin  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit:

Bulky Exhibit File Drawer

Reason for Retention of Property and  
Efforts Made to Dispose of Same:

Possible use as evidence (will be  
appropriately discarded upon  
completion of case)

Description of Property or Exhibit and  
Identity of Agent Submitting Same:

SA [REDACTED]

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- 1 - Sixty-five letters from various companies addressed to  
Scanlon's Radio & Music, 707 West Wisconsin
- 2 - A black loose leaf binder - on each page within which is  
typed name of a company

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SAC, Chicago (49-2153)

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SAC, Milwaukee (49-320)

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OO - Milwaukee

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Trial in this matter to date has not been held, but should be held per AUSA [redacted] SD7, sometime between March 15, 1960 and September 30, 1960. While it is expected that the court will provide AUSA [redacted] with approximately 30 days' notice before trial date, it is possible that shorter notice will be given. Further, [redacted] will become necessary government witnesses, [redacted]

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With the above facts in mind, AUSA [redacted] has requested that this Bureau obtain the latest known addresses for [redacted] in this case, in order that they may be properly served with a subpoena prior to trial date.

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The following is a list of the five [redacted] in this case, together with [redacted] and their address as of that date.

✓ [redacted]  
RUSHUS WILLIAMS

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5936 Indiana  
Chicago, Ill.

✓ [redacted]  
RAYMOND RUSH JOHNSON

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12-18-59

3231 So. Ingleside  
Chicago, Ill.

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✓ [redacted]  
ROBERT FOSTER PAYNE

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2-20-59

1922 W. Columbia Ave.  
Philadelphia, Pa.

2 - Chicago (49-2153)  
2 - Philadelphia (87-3691)  
1 - MI 49-320  
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Letter to Chicago (49-2158)  
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The Chicago Division is requested to obtain the latest known addresses of individuals indicated -- one through four -- and advise.

The Philadelphia Division is requested to obtain the latest known address of ROBERT FOSTER PAYNE, and advise.



3/10/60

**AIRTEL**

**TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (49-320)**  
**FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (49-2158)**  
**SUBJECT: [REDACTED], aka;**  
**ET AL**  
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**OO: Milwaukee**

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[REDACTED] resides while in Chicago at  
[REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois. While  
[REDACTED] resides at home at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] telephone number  
[REDACTED]

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RUFHUS WILLIAMS resides at 5936 Indiana Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois, telephone number NO 7-3857. WILLIAMS is  
employed as "wildcat" truck driver.

[REDACTED], resides at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois. telephone number [REDACTED]  
and is employed at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois.

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RAYMOND RUSH JOHNSON resides at 5231 South  
Ingleside, Chicago, and also employed as "wildcat"  
truck driver.

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② - Milwaukee  
1 - Chicago

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| TITLE OF CASE<br><br><b>[REDACTED] aka<br/>ET AL</b> |                                      | Report made by<br><b>SA [REDACTED]</b>                        | Typed By:<br><b>dml</b>                    |
|  |                                      | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><br><b>ITSP - CONSPIRACY; MAIL FRAUD</b> |  |

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## REFERENCE



Report of SA **[REDACTED]** dated January 18, 1960 at Milwaukee.

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**MILWAUKEE**  
**At Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

Will follow and report further prosecutive action taken in this matter.

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| Approved<br>  | Special Agent<br>In Charge | Do not write in spaces below  |           |
| Copies made:<br><br>1 - Bureau (49-14193)<br>1 - USA, Milwaukee<br>② - Milwaukee (49-320)<br> |                            | <b>49-320-409</b><br><b>[REDACTED]</b><br>ROUTE TO<br>READ FOR<br>INITIAL <b>MEB</b><br>DATE <b>3/14/60</b> | b6<br>b7C |

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee

Report of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: March 11, 1960

Office: MILWAUKEE

Field Office File No.: 49-320

Bureau File No.: 49-14193

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b7CTitle: [REDACTED]  
ET ALCharacter: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN  
PROPERTY - CONSPIRACY; MAIL FRAUDSynopsis: Various motions filed by AUSA [REDACTED] and  
Subjects' attorneys set out. Trial date not set.

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## DETAILS:

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On February 4, 1960 the files of the United States District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, reflected the following relative to prosecutive action taken in this case since December 21, 1959,

1. On December 21, 1959 Assistant United States Attorney [REDACTED] filed "Motion for Joint Trial of Above Indictment" under 59-CR-139 and 59-CR-52 to join EUGENE PHILLIP GILLIS with the seven other Subjects in this case for a joint trial involving all eight subjects.
2. On January 8, 1960 [REDACTED] attorney for Subjects LICHTERMAN and WIGODSKI, filed "Brief on Opposition to Joinder of Trial" relative to "Motion for Joint Trial of Above Indictments" filed December 21, 1959.

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3. On January 11, 1960 [ ] and [ ] filed the following:

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- a. As attorneys for Subject GILLIS "Motion for a Bill of Particulars" in regard to certain information pertaining to Counts 1 and 2 of Case Number 59-CR-139; answer in opposition to Motion of the Government for joint trial with Case Number 59-CR-52 relative to "Motion for Joint Trial of Above Indictments" filed December 21, 1959 "Motion to Quash the Indictment" relative to Case Number 52-CR-159.
  - b. As attorneys for Subject SHUBOW "Answer in Opposition to Government's Motion for a Joint Trial" filed December 21, 1959.
4. On January 13, 1960 Assistant United States Attorney [ ] filed "Answer to Defendant's Motion for Certain Documents, Bill of Particulars and to Quash the Indictments" relative to Case Number 59-CR-159; and reply brief in "Answer in Opposition to the Government's Motion for a Joint Trial" filed December 21, 1959.
5. On January 29, 1960 [ ] attorney for Subjects LICHTERMAN and WIGODSKI, filed "Motion for Bill of Particulars" in regard to certain information pertaining to Counts 19 and 21 of the previously returned indictment relative to Case Number 59-CR-52. An answer to this motion was filed by Assistant U. S. Attorney [ ] on February 4, 1960.

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On February 17, 1960 Assistant U. S. Attorney [ ] advised that a hearing was held before U. S. District Judge ROBERT E. TEHAN. At that time no decision was made relative to any motions currently pending and a trial date was not set.

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REGULAR MAIL

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (49-2158)  
FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (49-320)  
SUBJECT: [REDACTED] aka.;  
ET AL  
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OO: MILWAUKEE

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AUSA [REDACTED] recently advised, upon returning from Detroit, Michigan, that he received information from [REDACTED] at Detroit, that it was [REDACTED] understanding that Subjects LICHTERMAN and WIGODSKI had recently been in California and chances were that they are now in Japan for unknown reasons. [REDACTED] advised he also had occasion to speak to Subjects [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at Detroit and learned from them that ROBERT WILLIAMS delivered at least one load of Scanlon's merchandise to a [REDACTED] at Columbus, Ohio. Per [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] the load was destined for Cleveland, but when WILLIAMS got to Cleveland, he was re-routed to Columbus, Ohio, where merchandise was unloaded. Per [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] made the information available at this time since when they were interviewed by Special Agents at Milwaukee during 1959, they overlooked this above information.

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[REDACTED] also stated that if information is developed that Subjects LICHTERMAN and WIGODSKI are in fact in either California or Japan, he will entertain filing a motion in Federal Court at Milwaukee to have their bails forfeited and warrants issued.

2-Chicago (49-2158) (Regular Mail)  
2-Detroit (49-1185) (AM)  
1-Milwaukee (49-320)

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For the information of Chicago, report of [redacted]  
[redacted] 4/20/59, at Cincinnati, reflects interview  
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for the J. D. Clark Company, Columbus, Ohio. [redacted] at  
this time denied ever knowing Scanlon's Company or  
Milwaukee, Wis., and denied ever receiving entire truck  
load of merchandise from E & A Sales at anytime, although  
admitting purchasing merchandise from E & A Sales at times.

Records of USDC, Milwaukee, on 3/15/60, reflected  
an order signed by Judge ROBERT E. TEHAN, on 5/11/59,  
allowing LICHTERMAN and WIGODSKI to leave State of Wisconsin  
and return to the place of their residence, Cleveland,  
Ohio, during pendency of this action.

Nothing was noted that would allow their travel  
beyond limitations of Cleveland, Ohio.

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CHICAGO DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois

Will, per request of [redacted] reinterview ROBERT  
WILLIAMS, 5936 Indiana Avenue, relative to supposed delivery  
of merchandise made by him to [redacted] at Columbus, Ohio.  
Will obtain all pertinent details.

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DETROIT DIVISION

At Detroit, Michigan

Will reinterview [redacted] relative to the source  
of the information he supposedly furnished to AUSA [redacted]  
concerning whereabouts of Subjects LICHTERMAN and WIGODSKI.  
Will, thereafter, set out appropriate leads to determine  
if in fact they have left environs of Cleveland, Ohio.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Milwaukee (49-320)

DATE: 3/21/60

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (87-5691)

SUBJECT:

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ITSP; CONSPIRACY; MAIL FRAUD  
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Re Milwaukee letter to Chicago dated 3/2/60.

Referenced letter requested the Philadelphia Office to ascertain the current address of ROBERT FOSTER PAYNE, a witness in this matter.

On 3/16/60 ROBERT FOSTER PAYNE was contacted by SA JAMES E. CARROLL at 1922 West Columbia Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa. PAYNE was advised regarding the impending trial of the subjects and the possibility that he may be subpoenaed as a Government witness. PAYNE said he could be contacted at the aforementioned address or by Philadelphia telephone number CE 2-2118.

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| TITLE OF CASE<br><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div> aka.<br><b>ET AL</b> |                                      | Report made by<br><b>ROBERT P. KEENAN (A)</b>                     | Typed By:<br><b>SMC</b>                    |
|   |                                      | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><br><b>ITSP - CONSPIRACY;<br/>MAIL FRAUD</b> | b6<br>b7C                                  |

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## LEADS

### CHICAGO, CINCINNATI AND CLEVELAND (Information):

One copy of this report is designated for the information of each of the above offices as each office has conducted extensive investigation in this matter and additional investigation may be requested.

### DETROIT

#### AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN:

Will conduct investigation requested by Milwaukee airtel to Chicago dated March 16, 1960.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee

Report of: ROBERT P. KECHAN  
Date: 3/24/60

Office: Detroit, Michigan

Field Office File No.: Detroit 49-1185

Bureau File No.: 49-1419J

Title:

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Character:

INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY -  
CONSPIRACY; MAIL FRAUD

Synopsis:

AUSA [REDACTED] Milwaukee, Wisc., interviewed [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at Detroit, Michigan, and also  
interviewed potential witnesses [REDACTED]  
LUDWIG ROHE, and [REDACTED] at Detroit. Investigation  
by Detroit Office in this case was discussed with AUSA  
[REDACTED] The "Detroit News" of 9/18/58, shows death notice  
for JACOB WIGODSKI, father of EDWARD WIGODSKI.

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DETAILS: AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN:

On February 25, 1960, Assistant United States  
Attorney [REDACTED] Detroit, Michigan, advised that  
Assistant United States Attorney [REDACTED] of Milwaukee,  
Wisconsin, would be in Detroit, Michigan, on Tuesday, March 1,  
1960, and that Mr. [REDACTED] desired to discuss the investigation  
conducted by the Detroit Office with an Agent.

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On March 1 and 2, 1960, the results of the  
investigation by the Detroit Office in this case were discussed  
with Assistant United States Attorney [REDACTED] by  
SA(A) ROBERT P. KECHAN.

Mr. [ ] stated that he desired to determine what items were inventoried by the appraiser or auctioneer when the merchandise of Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop was recovered at Detroit. Mr. [ ] said he thought [ ] would probably have this information. Mr. [ ] discussed this matter with [ ] on March 1, 1960, and Mr. [ ] requested that a copy of Mr. [ ] final report on Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop be obtained. A copy of this report was made and was furnished to Mr. [ ] on March 4, 1960. This report shows the gross proceeds from the sale of the estate of Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop, 14300 Prairie, Detroit, Michigan, on December 5, and 6, 1958, as \$69,763.35.

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On March 1, 1960, Mr. [ ] advised that he desired to interview [ ] JESS BERON, [ ], and [ ] while he was in Detroit. Mr. [ ] said that [ ] and [ ] would be in Detroit on March 3, 1960.

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[ ] Michigan, telephone [ ] was interviewed by Mr. [ ] on March 2, 1960.

[ ] Michigan, telephone [ ] was telephonically contacted on March 3, 1960, and he was interviewed by Mr. [ ] on March 3, 1960.

On March 2, 1960, [ ] Economy Loan and Northern Discount Corporation, 10800 West Warren, advised that [ ] left his employment about nine months ago and went to work in Chicago. [ ] stated that the last employment he had for [ ] was at Boles Luncheon; his address was [ ] and his telephone number was [ ] Mr. [ ] advised that no further investigation was desired at this time to locate [ ]

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On March 4, 1960, EDWIN ROHE, Bookkeeper for JACOB "JACK" SWEDOW, Rich-Mor Sales Distributing Company, 13144 Linwood, Townsend 8-3406, was interviewed by Mr. [redacted]

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On March 4, 1960, [redacted]

[redacted] telephone [redacted]  
home address [redacted] Michigan, telephone [redacted]  
[redacted] was interviewed by Mr. [redacted] on March 4, 1960.

On March 4, 1960, Mrs. [redacted] Michigan, telephone [redacted] was telephonically contacted by SA(A) [redacted] to determine the present whereabouts of [redacted] so that he could be interviewed by Assistant United States Attorney [redacted]. Mrs. [redacted] advised that [redacted]

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[redacted] and because of business failures following the incident of the Scanlon deal with JACOB SWEDOW, had found it necessary to return to the road selling household merchandise as he had done in previous years. She stated that [redacted] was presently in the State of Missouri or Mississippi, exact whereabouts unknown, and that he was expected to return home on approximately Monday or Tuesday of the following week. She agreed to advise [redacted] to contact Mr. [redacted] at Room 358, Federal Building, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, or to call him at [redacted] if she heard from him prior to his return to Detroit. This information was immediately conveyed to Mr. [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted] were interviewed by Mr. [redacted] at Detroit on March 4, 1960. Mr. [redacted] advised that in his discussions with [redacted] and [redacted] they had told him that two truck loads of merchandise had been shipped to [redacted] Columbus, Ohio, a friend of DIMIT WIGORSKI. Mr. [redacted] stated that he may request an additional interview with [redacted] and desired to know if any photograph of [redacted] was available to exhibit to [redacted] and [redacted]. Mr. [redacted] was advised that the Detroit Office had no photograph of [redacted]

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Mr. [redacted] stated that he was advised by [redacted] that SID FEIN, DIMIT WIGORSKI, and IRVING LICHTERMAN had gone to California, and that [redacted] had heard that WIGORSKI, LICHTERMAN, and [redacted] were presently in Japan. Mr. [redacted] said that [redacted] advised that he and SID FEIN split up their business interest in Giant Value Distributing Company about September 1, 1959.

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Mr. [redacted] stated that he desired the obituaries around the date of September 17, 1958, reviewed to determine if the

father of IRVING LICHTERMAN or EDWARD WIGODSKI had passed away as it appeared that possibly [redacted] may not have been too sure as to which individual at E & A Sales Company, Cleveland, Ohio, was EDWARD WIGODSKI and which individual was IRVING LICHTERMAN. b6 b7C

Mr. [redacted] said that [redacted] told him that in addition to [redacted] going to Cleveland, Ohio, the following individuals were also taken to Cleveland in an attempt to sell these individuals merchandise which was stored at E & A Sales Company; however, these individuals did not purchase any merchandise from E & A Sales, according to [redacted]



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On March 7, 1960, it was determined that the records of the Detroit Public Library, Main Branch, General Information Section, contained microfilm records of the daily Detroit newspapers. An examination of the Obituaries and Death Notices of the "Detroit News" for the period from September 15, 1958, through September 24, 1958, revealed no obituary or death notice for any individual named LICHTERMAN.

Page 48, column 1 of the "Detroit News" for Thursday, September 16, 1958, showed the following death notice:

Wigodski - Jacob, of 810 Whitmore Rd., Sept. 17, beloved husband of Eva, dear father of Nathan Wigod, Edward and Morris Wigodski, and Mrs. Carl (Shirley) Rosen of Newton, Mass.; brother of Daniel, of Israel; nine grandchildren, one great-grandchild. Services Thursday, 1 p.m., Hebrew Memorial Chapel, 2995 Joy Rd. Interment Beth Yehudah Cemetery. *U.S.*

A photostat of this death notice was obtained.

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March 25, 1960

Special Agent in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Re: Daniel E. Wigodski and  
Irving I. Lichterman

Dear Sir:

We have information that on or about March 13, 1959 the above named persons were indicted for receiving, concealing, selling, and disposing of goods worth \$5,000 or more, knowing the same to have been unlawfully converted and taken by fraud.

Inasmuch as Daniel (Eddie) Wigodski and Irving Lichterman were also operating in and around Columbus for many years before going to Cleveland and in view of the fact that we have information to the effect that Eddie Wigodski is back in Columbus, it is important for us to have information regarding the outcome of the case in the U. S. District Court, Eastern Division of Wisconsin.

Your assistance in furnishing us any information you may have regarding the outcome of the case will be greatly appreciated.

HSP:jm

Vice President

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United States Department of Justice

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

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April 6, 1960

Mr. Gerald C. Gearty  
Special Agent in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Room 735 - Federal Building  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Gearty:

Re: United States v. [redacted] et al  
No. 59-CR-52; United States v. Eugene Philip  
Gillis, No. 59-CR-139 : ED Wisconsin

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The above entitled matter has been set for trial on April 28, 1960. At the present time I wish you would notify the Detroit Office of the Federal Investigation Bureau that I would appreciate it very much if Special Agent Robert P. Keehan could appear in Milwaukee for that trial. Agent Keehan has done a great deal of work in this matter, and his assistance would be most valuable. Would you please have Agent Keehan transport the Detroit file in the above entitled matter to Milwaukee, since there are many documents and exhibits which he has in his possession and are not in this office.

I would appreciate it if Special Agent [redacted] also could be on hand to cooperate with the prosecution of this matter during the trial of the case. It may be that I would need one or two additional agents from various parts of the country to testify as to certain aspects in this case and, if that becomes necessary, I will inform you in sufficient time in order that they may be properly notified.

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Very truly yours,

EDWARD G. MINOR  
United States Attorney

By

[redacted]  
Assistant U.S. Attorney

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P. O. Box 663  
Milwaukee 1, Wisconsin  
April 11, 1960

[Redacted]  
Vice President,  
Better Business Bureau of Central Ohio, Inc.  
71 East State Street,  
Columbus 15, Ohio

Dear Madam:

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Reference is made to your letter dated March 25, 1960, inquiring of the outcome in the case involving Daniel E. Wigodski and Irving I. Lichterman.

For your information, trial in this case to date has not been held and a trial date has not been set. In view of the fact that this case is presently in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, I suggest you direct any further correspondence to:

[Redacted]  
Clerk of Court  
U.S. District Court, EDW,  
Federal Building  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Very truly yours,

  
GERALD C. GEARTY  
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 4/14/60

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
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TO : Director, FBI (49-14193)

FROM : SAC, Milwaukee (49-320)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] aka  
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Trial in this matter is to be held in Federal Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, beginning 4/28/60. AUSA [REDACTED] has advised that among necessary witnesses to be utilized by the Government will be SAs ROBERT P. KEEHAN, Detroit Division, and [REDACTED] Cleveland Division, both of whom have conducted considerable investigation in this matter. [REDACTED] requested that they appear Room 358 Federal Building, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, at 9:00 a.m. on April 27, 1960.

LEADS

All offices will forward to Milwaukee Division original FD-302's, SF-64's and/or signed and unsigned statements furnished pertaining to the individuals listed under the respective Division caption.

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[REDACTED]

RAYMOND JOHNSON

[REDACTED]  
EUGENE GILLIS

[REDACTED]

RUSHUS WILLIAMS

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CLEVELAND DIVISION

1. Will, UACB, arrange for the appearance of SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

2. Re FD-302-s and SF-64's

[REDACTED]

RUSHUS WILLIAMS  
DANIEL WIGODSKI

[REDACTED]

IRVING LICHTERMAN

3. Will ascertain if Subject LICHTERMAN or Subject WIGODSKI made any further appearances before the U. S. Bankruptcy Court at Cleveland, Ohio, in addition to LICHTERMAN's appearance on 1/7, 26/59 and 2/12/59, and if so obtain transcript of testimony.

DETROIT DIVISION

1. Will, UACB, arrange for the appearance of SA ROBERT P. KEEHAN.

2. In view of the number of individuals at Detroit who will be necessary witnesses, SA KEEHAN is requested to bring to Milwaukee originals of all FD-302's, SF-64's and or signed or unsigned statements in the Detroit files together with photographs of merchandise recovered and any other pertinent evidentiary items.

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3. In view of [redacted] foreign residence at [redacted]  
[redacted] will contact him and  
ascertain whether he will accept a subpoena to appear in  
Milwaukee and advise.

PLEASE EXPEDITE.

LOS ANGELES DIVISION

[redacted]

PHILADELPHIA DIVISION

ROBERT FOSTER PAYNE

WASHINGTON FIELD

[redacted]

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| REPORTING OFFICE<br><b>DETROIT</b>                   | OFFICE OF ORIGIN<br><b>MILWAUKEE</b> | DATE<br><b>4/13/60</b>  | INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD<br><b>3/28 - 31/60</b> |
| TITLE OF CASE<br><br>[REDACTED] aka;<br><b>ET AL</b> |                                      | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>ROBERT P. KEEHAN (A)</b>                 | TYPED BY<br><b>JAC</b>                      |
|  |                                      | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><br><b>ITSP - CONSPIRACY; MAIL FRAUD</b> |   |

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REFERENCE: Milwaukee airtel to Chicago dated March 16, 1960. (Interoffice)

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LEADSCLEVELANDCLEVELAND, OHIO

Will through logical sources ascertain if IRVING LICHTERMAN and DANIEL EDWARD WIGODSKI have moved their residences from Cleveland, Ohio, and will determine their present location if possible.

LOS ANGELESSHERMAN OAKS, CALIFORNIA

Will locate and interview SID FEIN, who resides at 3430 or 3480 Chernow, Sherman Oaks, regarding the present whereabouts and

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activity of IRVING LICHTERMAN and DANIEL EDWARD WIGODSKI, unless advised to the contrary by the Milwaukee Office.

LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Will through credit checks and other logical sources determine if DANIEL EDWARD WIGODSKI and IRVING LICHTERMAN presently reside and are employed in the Los Angeles area. WIGODSKI and LICHTERMAN reportedly are employed by [redacted] or [redacted] as salesmen of aluminum siding.

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Will contact Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Milwaukee, to determine if he would have any objection to SID FEIN being interviewed in view of [redacted] comment that he believed FEIN would inform LICHTERMAN and WIGODSKI of any inquiry concerning them, and will advise the Los Angeles Office.

ADMINISTRATIVE

For the information of the Cleveland and Los Angeles Offices, additional background information relating to IRVING LICHTERMAN, DANIEL EDWARD WIGODSKI and [redacted] was set out in the report of SA ROBERT P. KEEHAN, Detroit, dated November 29, 1956, in the case entitled [redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted]

For the information of the Los Angeles Office, the Detroit and Cleveland Offices conducted investigation in the case entitled [redacted]

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In this case information was received from an Informant of the Cleveland Office that a [redacted]

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[REDACTED] The informant advised that he was contacted by  
DANIEL EDWARD WIGODSKI, aka EDDIE BENSON, and IRVING LICHTERMAN  
aka IRVING LITE, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Subjects were surveilled by Agents. The Subjects were observed b7D  
in contact with LICHTERMAN and WIGODSKI in Detroit on  
September 30, 1959. LICHTERMAN and WIGODSKI were driving a  
rented car from Cleveland at this time.

The Subjects were apprehended October 2, 1959. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] b7D

Subjects were convicted in Detroit Recorder's Court  
in February, 1960, of Grand Larceny, and are awaiting sentence.

Assistant United States Attorney [REDACTED] b6  
Milwaukee, advised he would entertain filing a motion in b7C  
Federal Court at Milwaukee to have the bonds of WIGODSKI and  
LICHTERMAN forfeited and warrants issued if these two were  
presently in California. LICHTERMAN and WIGODSKI were allowed  
to return to Cleveland only during the pendency of this action.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee

Report of: SA(A) ROBERT P. KEEHAN  
Date: 4/13/60

Office: Detroit, Michigan

File Number: Detroit 49-1185

Bufile: 49-14193

Title: [REDACTED]  
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b7cCharacter: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY -  
CONSPIRACY; MAIL FRAUD

Synopsis: [REDACTED] advised that about a week or ten days ago, [REDACTED] EDDIE WIGODSKI, [REDACTED] EDDIE and IRVING LICHTERMAN were selling aluminum siding in a home modernization business in the Los Angeles, Calif., area. [REDACTED] said he was told they were working out of the office of [REDACTED] said SID FEIN, Sherman Oaks, Calif., would furnish information as to their present whereabouts.

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DETAILS:

Date April 5, 1960

[redacted] was interviewed at the Giant Value Distributing Company, 8490 Lyndon, Oak Park, Michigan, telephone TE 4-0850, and advised that he had recently been discharged as an employee of the Giant Value Distributing Company in an economy move as a result of the bankruptcy proceeding pending in United States District Court, Detroit, Michigan. [redacted] stated that he owns 25% interest in Giant Value Distributing Company, but that the majority stock interest is owned by [redacted] of Dayton, Ohio.

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[redacted] advised that his former business partner, SID FEIN, left Giant Value Distributing Company about September 1, 1959, and moved to Sherman Oaks, California, about September 25, 1959. [redacted] stated [redacted] was married to SID FEIN. He said he did not know the name of the business that FEIN was connected with, but that FEIN was in the plastic business, and he believed FEIN was the sales manager for a plastic company. [redacted] subsequently obtained FEIN's address, which is either 3430 or 3480 Chernow, Sherman Oaks, California.

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[redacted] stated that in the latter part of November, 1959, an individual, whose name he could not recall, came to him to obtain the telephone number of EDDIE WIGODSKI in Cleveland, Ohio. [redacted] said that he called EDDIE WIGODSKI and was told that the telephone number in Cleveland, Ohio, had been disconnected. [redacted] said he later heard that EDDIE WIGODSKI and IRVING LICHTERMAN were working in Los Angeles, California.

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[redacted] stated that about a week or ten days ago he had lunch with [redacted] of LaSalle Distributors, Detroit. He said that [redacted] EDDIE WIGODSKI, told him that EDDIE and IRVING LICHTERMAN were selling aluminum siding in a home modernization business in the Los Angeles, California, area. [redacted] stated that as he recalled, [redacted] told him that

On 3/28/60 at Oak Park, Michigan File # Detroit 49-1185  
by SA(A) ROBERT P. KEEHAN/ec Date dictated 3/29/60

EDDIE and IRVING LICHTERMAN were working out of [redacted] office. [redacted] said that [redacted] was [redacted] in LaSalle Distributors and, also, was in business at Hall of Distributors, Detroit, which company went through a bankruptcy proceeding in 1959. [redacted] said that the [redacted] of Hall of Distributors, [redacted] was also supposed to be in Los Angeles on vacation.

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[redacted] further advised that [redacted] who was [redacted] of Giant Value Distributing Company, and who lives in Los Angeles, is a man about [redacted] years old. He stated [redacted] principal wealth is derived from a patent on lighter fluid. He said that [redacted] is an investor, but he does not know if [redacted] LICHTERMAN and WIGODSKI are in any business venture together in Los Angeles. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was supposed to take a trip to Japan, but he believed that he went to Europe.

[redacted] stated that when he mentioned to Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] that LICHTERMAN and WIGODSKI may have been in Japan, he was only speculating that they might go to Japan with [redacted]. He said that he had no specific information that they had gone to Japan, and that based upon the conversation with [redacted] and [redacted] about ten days ago, he believes that LICHTERMAN and WIGODSKI are presently selling in the Los Angeles area.

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[redacted] further advised that he believed that SID FEIN would furnish information as to the present whereabouts of LICHTERMAN and WIGODSKI, but that he also believed FEIN would inform LICHTERMAN and WIGODSKI of any inquiry that was made concerning them.

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On March 31, 1960, records of the United States District Court in Bankruptcy were reviewed for the proceeding regarding Giant Value Distributing Company, 8490 Lyndon, Detroit. This file shows that Giant Value Distributing Company filed a petition for arrangement under Chapter XI on December 4, 1959.

Schedules filed by the bankrupt show assets of \$503,079.37, and liabilities of \$1,221,418.70. The statement of affairs and schedules are signed by [redacted]. The schedules show that during the past year, loans were repaid to [redacted] Pontiac, Michigan, in the amount of \$10,000.00, and to [redacted] Los Angeles, California, in the amount of \$40,000.00.

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The stockholders of the corporation are shown as [redacted] Ohio, and [redacted]

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TO: SAC, MILWAUKEE (49-320)  
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (49-506)  
RE: [REDACTED] aka.  
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ITSP; CONSPIRACY; MAIL FRAUD  
(OO: MILWAUKEE)

Bureau file 49-14193

Re Milwaukee airtel to the Director dated 4/14/60.

For the info of the Milwaukee Office, SA [REDACTED]  
is now assigned the Savannah Division.

A review of instant file will be made and the requested  
FD-302's and SF 64's will be furnished directly to the  
Milwaukee Office and the other requested investigation will  
be expedited.

For the info of the Savannah Office, referenced communication  
reflects trial in this matter will be held Federal Court,  
Milwaukee, beginning 4/28/60 and AUSA [REDACTED] has  
advised that SA [REDACTED] will be a necessary witness, and  
requested that he appear in Room 358, Federal Bldg.,  
Milwaukee, Wisc., at 9 a.m. on 4/27/60.

LEADSAVANNAH: AT SAVANNAH, GEORGIA:

Will, UACB, arrange for the appearance of SA [REDACTED]

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**AIRTEL**

**TO: SAC, SAVANNAH**  
**FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (49-14193)**

[REDACTED] aka.  
**ET AL.**  
**ITSP; CONSPIRACY; MAIL FRAUD**

Re Milwaukee airtel 4/14/60.

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Reairtel reflects that AUSA has advised that SA [REDACTED] is a necessary witness in the forthcoming trial in Federal Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, beginning 4/28/60. Re airtel indicates that SA [REDACTED] is assigned to the Cleveland Office.

This is to advise that SA [REDACTED] is presently assigned to the Savannah Division and arrangements should be made for SA [REDACTED] to appear Room 358, Federal Building, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 9:00 a.m., 4/27/60.

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TO:                      SAC, MILWAUKEE (49-320)  
FROM:                    SAC, PHILADELPHIA (87-5691)

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Reurairtel 4/14/60 (inter-office).

Enclosed herewith are following described items  
being forwarded in accordance with your request.

1. Signed statement furnished by ROBERT FOSTER  
PAYNE on 2/20/59.
2. FD-302 reflecting interview with ROBERT FOSTER  
PAYNE on 2/20/59.

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- ② - Milwaukee (49-320) (Encl. 2)  
1 - Philadelphia (87-5691)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
INTERVIEW REPORT

February 25, 1959

ROBERT FOSTER PAYNE advised he is self employed as a truck driver and usually operates between Philadelphia and Chicago. During September 1958, PAYNE was in Chicago, Ill., looking for work and stopped by the Truckers' Paradise Gasoline Service Station located at Troop and Cermack Streets. [redacted] of the Truckers Paradise mentioned to PAYNE that trucking jobs were available to the Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop, Milwaukee, Wisc. When PAYNE said he was interested, [redacted] suggested he contact Scanlon's by telephone. PAYNE telephoned collect on September 15, 1958 and talked to an individual named [redacted] who identified himself as a "boss" at Scanlon's.

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PAYNE furnished the following signed statement to SA JAMES E. CARROLL on February 20, 1959, setting forth in detail, his activity as related to his employment at the Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop.

"1922 West Columbia Avenue  
Philadelphia, Penna  
2/20/59

"I, Robert Foster Payne, do hereby give the following voluntary statement to James E. Carroll who has identified himself as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises were made to induce me to make this statement. I know that this statement can be used against me in a court of law. I also know that I may consult an attorney for advice.

"I am 45 years of age and reside at 1922 West Columbia Avenue, Philadelphia, Penna.  
I am self-employed as a truck driver and

Interview with ROBERT FOSTER PAYNE

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on 2/20/59 at Philadelphia, Pa.

Dictated 2/20/59

by Special Agent JAMES E. CARROLL/mchr

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"usually work between Philadelphia, Pa., and Chicago, Ill.

"Approximately 9/15/58 I was at Truckers Paradise, a gasoline station located at Troop & Cermack Streets, Chicago, Ill. [redacted] the Truckers Paradise whose last name I do not know, told me a job was available in Milwaukee, Wisc at a place where two other drivers, Bob Williams and a guy named Johnson, were working. [redacted] gave me a phone number to call at Milwaukee Wisc. A fellow named [redacted] who said he was one of the bosses at Scanlon's Radio and Music, Milwaukee answered the phone and questioned me about my driving experience. He also wanted to know what I would charge. I told him union rates and he said O.K. come on up to Milwaukee right away. I agreed and hopped the South Shore High Speed Line to Milwaukee on 9/15/58. I should state that I possibly made one or two other telephone calls to [redacted] that same day telling him when I planned to arrive in Milwaukee.

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"When I arrived at Milwaukee I again called [redacted] and he came to the station to pick me up. I think he was driving a [redacted]

when he picked me up at the station. [redacted] drove me out to the warehouse where I met [redacted] another boss. [redacted] showed me a Yellow Truck which was being loaded at the dock and informed me that I would be driving this piece of equipment to Cleveland, Ohio. About 11:00 pm on 9/15/58 the truck was completely loaded and I departed from Scanlon's Warehouse 8104 W. National, West Allis, Wisconsin. Before I departed, [redacted] gave me the shipping papers in a sealed manila envelope. Both [redacted] agreed before my departure for Cleveland, Ohio, my first destination, that I would receive .09 a mile and expenses. They also told me I would receive a \$100.00 payment from the consignee at Cleveland, Ohio.

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"While enroute to Cleveland, Ohio I had a break-down with my truck at Freemont, Ohio. Repair bills on file at the International Truck Company in Freemont will show that I stopped for repairs to and from Cleveland, Ohio.

"I made two trips to Cleveland with loads from Scanlon's Radio. On each trip, I delivered the merchandise, which consisted of radio, jewelry and other small appliances to the rear of a store located on Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. I cannot remember the exact address but do recall that a Chrysler automobile Distributor or salesroom was located in the same block on Euclid, if you walk west on Euclid towards 55th Street in Cleveland, Ohio.

"While working for [ ] at Scanlon's Radio as a driver, I made two trips to Detroit, Mich carrying the same type of merchandise which had been left at Cleveland. On each of these trip, [ ] would give me the shipping papers in a sealed envelope as well as an address telling me where or to what location I should haul the merchandise. Both of these loads were taken to a warehouse along Grand River near 86th Street in Detroit.

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"I estimate that I handled the aforementioned trips (2 to Cleveland and 2 to Detroit) within a three week period. During this time I believe there were at least 7 other drivers making trips for Scanlon Radio, hauling merchandise out of the West Allis, Wisc Warehouse, to places like Detroit, Cleveland or Chicago.

"When the Yellow Truck Transit Company reclaimed their L-200 International I was using, I was without equipment and returned to Chicago, Ill to look for otherwork.

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"As near as I can recall I think the deliveries I made to Cleveland were on 9/17/58 and 9/21/58. The deliveries to Detroit, Mich were made on or about 9/24/58 and 10/2/58. The dates of my departure from Milwaukee for these trips were on 9/15/58; 9/20/58 or 9/21/58; 9/23/58 and 9/29/58.

"I do not know the names of the individuals to whom I delivered the merchandise at Cleveland or Detroit. I will say, however that these individuals apparently knew I was coming, because there was never any question about accepting the load. Matter of fact, they usually said 'why are you so late' or 'where have you been.'

"There was never any contractual agreement between Scanlon's Radio and myself. The money paid to me was on a cash basis and I never had to sign a receipt.

"Outside of Johnson and Bob Williams I do not know the names of the other drivers who worked for Scanlon's Radio or who were hired by [redacted] one of the bosses at Scanlon's. I wish to add however that [redacted] of Truckers Paradise in Chicago, Ill would probably know the names of all the drivers.

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"I Have Read this four  $\frac{1}{2}$  Page Statment and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

/s/ "Robert Payne

"Witnessed by: James E. Carroll, Special Agent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation, Phila,  
Pa 2/20/59"

In addition to the above, PAYNE furnished a Scanlon's Radio & Music Shop business card which displayed the name [redacted] On the rear of this business card were the inked notations "Hotel - Broadway 6-3948 Room #227; BL 8-8332; [redacted] in Charge, Warehouse, 8104 W. National."

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According to PAYNE these notations were placed on the card by [ ] shortly after PAYNE arrived in Milwaukee, Wisc., on September 15, 1958. PAYNE said [ ] a young Negro man, was in charge of the Scanlon Warehouse at West Allis, Wisc., and appeared to work directly under [ ] and [ ]. He said [ ] had been furnished a rented car by [ ] for his personal use between the warehouse and the hotel where [ ] resided. PAYNE believed [ ] a Chicago native, had managed a Scanlon Warehouse possibly located on Roosevelt Boulevard Chicago, Ill., before transferring to Milwaukee.

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PAYNE believed most of the drivers utilized by [ ] and [ ] to move material from the Scanlon Warehouse in Wisconsin could be identified by [ ] co-owners of Truckers Paradise, Chicago, Ill.

The interviewee was unable to furnish any description of the individual in charge of the store at Cleveland, Ohio, where two loads of Scanlon's merchandise were delivered. Concerning the individual in charge of the Detroit warehouse, PAYNE described him as follows:

|        |         |
|--------|---------|
| Name   | Unknown |
| Sex    | Male    |
| Race   | White   |
| Age    | [ ]     |
| Height | [ ]     |
| Weight | [ ]     |
| Hair   | [ ]     |

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PAYNE also recalled that [ ] was at the Detroit warehouse at the time PAYNE was delivering his final load of Scanlon's merchandise. Five Negro teenagers were handling the unloading of trucks at the Detroit warehouse during each of PAYNE's visits.

PAYNE mentioned that each time he was at the Scanlon Warehouse in West Allis, Wisc., four or five trailers would be in the process of being loaded with various items of merchandise ranging from household goods and appliances to hardware.

PAYNE said he was unable to relate the exact dates concerning the hauling of Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop merchandise inasmuch as he has lost his 1958 Drivers Log Book.

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The following description of PAYNE was obtained during the interview:

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Name                      | ROBERT FOSTER PAYNE   |
| Residence                 | 1922 West Columbia Avenue,<br>Philadelphia, Pa.                   |
| Date of Birth             | 7/9/13, Philadelphia  |
| Sex                       | Male  |
| Race                      | Negro (medium brown)  |
| Height                    | 5' 11½"   |
| Weight                    | 230 pounds  |
| Hair                      | Black, cut close to scalp   |
| Characteristics           | All except one tooth<br>missing from upper gum;<br>wears mustache |
| SCARS                     | One circular scar 1" size<br>on left side of chin                 |
| Occupation                | Truck driver  |
| Social Security<br>Number | 199-03-1208   |

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, Milwaukee (49-320)

FROM: SAC, Detroit (49-1185)

[redacted] aka

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OO: Milwaukee

Reurairtel to Director 4/14/60.

[redacted] of Harry Vexler Department Store, 20 Chatham East, Windsor, Ontario, Canada, telephone [redacted] advised SA(A) ROBERT P. KEEHAN on 4/19/60 that on the weekend of 4/28-30/60 it is imperative that he be in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, and then Joliet, Quebec in order to close two stores owned by him.

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[redacted] stated it was necessary on Monday and Tuesday, 5/2,3/60 that he be in his store in Windsor and that he had speaking engagements on 5/4,5/60. [redacted] stated that he desired to be of assistance in this matter but he felt that 5/6/60 was the only possible date he would be available to testify.

[redacted] stated that he was born in Quebec, Canada, and is a Canadian citizen.

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FROM SAC, MILWAUKEE /49-320/ 1P

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[REDACTED] EDW, ADVISED THIS DATE USM CLEVELAND RETURNED UNSERVED

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SUBPOENA FOR [REDACTED]

OHIO. [REDACTED] IS NECESSARY WITNESS. ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND SUTEL  
CURRENT ADDRESS WHEN ASCERTAINED.

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FBI

Date: April 20, 1960

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(Type in plain text or code)

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(Priority or Method of Mailing)

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FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (49-320)

**TIME:**

AKA. ET AL, ITSP, CONSPIRACY, MAIL FRAUD.

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Date: April 20, 1960

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FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (49-320)

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SUBPOENA FOR [REDACTED] CG.

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ADDRESS WHEN ASCERTAINED.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
INTERVIEW REPORTDate December 5, 1958

On October 29, 1958, HARRY MARKIN, proprietor, Better Home Products, 367 East Onondaga Street, Syracuse, New York, advised SA SIMPSON and SA [ ] that he had purchased merchandise from JACK SHUBOW of Rich-Mor Sales, Detroit, earlier in the month which he had observed containing labels of the Scanlon Radio and Music. MARKIN advised that all of the merchandise was stored in the second floor warehouse area over his second store at 510 Erie Boulevard, (East) Syracuse, New York. MARKIN advised that he had no knowledge concerning Scanlon Radio and Music or the owners of such company. He specifically denied knowing any of the subject in this case and stated that when he had been initially approached by SHUBOW early in October, 1958, SHUBOW had stated that he was the sales agent for merchandise of a bankruptcy estate which could be purchased at a good price. Based on this assurance, MARKIN proceeded to Detroit about October 6, 1958, despite the fact that he had a large quantity of merchandise already in stock. MARKIN was taken to a warehouse a few blocks from the regular business of SHUBOW in Detroit and exhibited merchandise from which he selected items he desired to purchase. During this examination SHUBOW exhibited to MARKIN invoices marked Scanlon Radio and Music which reflected title to the goods. SHUBOW recorded merchandise selected by MARKIN on a handwritten list comprised of three sheets which eventually was the document mailed to Better Home Products dated October 9, 1958, reflecting invoice value of \$8,943.02. MARKIN advised that his arrangement with SHUBOW had been to pay 60% of this invoice valuation. MARKIN denied having any knowledge at any time relative to the merchandise belonging to or being concealed from an estate in bankruptcy and alleged that SHUBOW had never given any indication that the merchandise was not legitimately up for sale.

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MARKIN stated that all of the merchandise remained in its original cartons with the exception of some shirts and underwear which had been unpacked and were at the 367 East Onondaga Street address. MARKIN advised that on that date

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on 10/29; 11/3, 4, 5,  
11/6, 7, 12, at Syracuse, New York Date dictated 11/26/58  
11/17, 18, 24/58  
by Special Agent GEORGE P. SIMPSON; SA [ ] hcv

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a number of the sets of underwear had been given to his salesman [redacted] whom he would immediately contact in order that the merchandise would be returned to the store and the entire shipment from Detroit kept intact. MARKIN made available for examination the warehouse premises relative to the merchandise received from SHUBOW. MARKIN also furnished the October 9, 1958, invoice to Better Home Products in the amount of \$8,943.02 as follows:

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"Better Home Products

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Sheet #1

| Cartons | Item                  | Make     | Model No. | Quantity | Price | Amount |
|---------|-----------------------|----------|-----------|----------|-------|--------|
|         | Trailer truck         |          |           |          |       |        |
|         | W/Soldiers            |          | 250BM2    | 4 doz    | 8.50  |        |
| 36      | Car Carrier           |          | 260B      | 10 doz   | 10.80 |        |
|         | Boat Hauler           | Amloid   | 280B      | 4 doz    | 8.59  |        |
|         | Soldiers              |          | 300       | 18 doz   | 5.40  | 273.56 |
| 6       | Lamps                 | Arch     | 800       | 72       | 1.85  | 133.20 |
|         | Extension Cord        | VT       | 2061      | 200      | .20   |        |
|         | "                     | VT       | 2091      | 100      | .24   |        |
| 8       | "                     | Cable    | VT 2121   | 83       | .30   |        |
|         | "                     | Elec.    | VTC2061   | 100      | .21   |        |
|         | "                     |          | VTC2091   | 100      | .26   |        |
|         | "                     |          | VTC2121   | 100      | .30   |        |
|         | Lantern               |          | 1350      | 6        | 3.60  | 187.50 |
|         | Divided Pans          |          | 100       | 48       | 2.00  |        |
| 12      | "                     |          | 200       | 24       | 3.00  |        |
|         | "                     | Peerless | 300       | 24       | 3.00  |        |
|         | Top of Stove          |          |           |          |       |        |
|         | Broiler               |          | 250       | 48       | 3.00  | 384.00 |
|         | Sea Pail              |          |           | 6        | 5.37  |        |
|         | Chuck Wagon Cooler    |          |           | 6        | 7.17  |        |
|         | Town & Country Cooler |          |           | 6        | 8.97  |        |
|         | Early American Pail   |          |           | 2        | 8.97  |        |
|         | Antique Pail          |          |           | 2        | 8.97  |        |
|         | English Brown Pail    | Richmond |           | 2        | 8.97  |        |
| 60      | Magazine Tub          |          |           | 6        | 5.97  |        |
|         | Beverage Cooler       |          |           | 6        | 4.77  |        |
|         | Cocktail Tub          |          |           | 6        | 2.97  |        |
|         | Ice Tub               |          |           | 6        | 2.37  |        |
|         | Wall Planter          |          |           | 6        | 2.97  |        |
|         | Mail Pail             |          |           | 6        | 2.97  | 315.00 |

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| <u>"Cartons</u> | <u>Item</u>                   | <u>Make</u> | <u>Model No.</u> | <u>Quantity</u> | <u>Price</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| 30              | Stationery Cabinets           |             | 9021             | 72              | 4.00         |               |
| 12              | Stationery Chests             |             | 9052             | 72              | 4.50         | 612.00        |
|                 | Walnut Slat Bench             | (Richbilt)  | #124             | 12              | 25.50        | 306.00        |
| 22              | Tool Kit                      | Wright      | K4T33            | 22              | 23.45        | 515.90        |
| 9               | 35 pc.Prolon Set              |             | 7875             | 6               | 34.17        |               |
| 8               | 16 pc.Prolon Set              |             | 7819-1-2         | 12              | 9.40         | 317.82        |
|                 | Potty Chair (Baby World)      |             | 5736             | 48              | 3.00         | 144.00        |
|                 | Spring Lamp                   |             | 133              | 204             | 1.00         |               |
| 25              | Desk Lamp (Rex)               |             | 316              | 96              | 1.80         |               |
|                 | Desk Lamp                     |             | 327              | 96              | 1.85         | 554.40        |
| 1 case          | 6 pc.Steak Knife(Trans)       |             | #333             | 100             | .75          | 75.00         |
| 12              | 95 pc.Sets Steubenville Asst. |             |                  | 12 sets         | 32.00        | 384.00        |
| 50              | Clock & Lamp Set(Premium)#800 |             |                  | 50              | 10.00        | 500.00        |
| 291             | Forward:                      |             |                  |                 |              | 4702.38       |

Sheet #2

|          |                       |         |      |         |       |         |
|----------|-----------------------|---------|------|---------|-------|---------|
| 291 ctn. | Forward:              |         |      |         |       | 4702.38 |
|          | Holiday Decorations   |         |      |         |       |         |
|          | Santa                 |         | W1   | 4 doz.  | 9.25  |         |
|          | Church                |         | N102 | 3 doz.  | 20.50 |         |
| 98       | Starburst             | Star    | N471 | 3 doz.  | 6.80  |         |
|          | "                     | Band    | N473 | 6 doz.  | 13.60 | 375.70  |
|          | Nailbox               |         | N487 | 3 doz.  | 13.60 |         |
|          | Santa-Sled            |         | N455 | 4 doz.  | 33.60 |         |
| 18       | Susan Set             | Plastic | 520  | 8 doz.  | 16.20 |         |
|          | 16 pc.Dish Set Master |         | 600  | 10 doz. | 16.20 | 291.60  |
| 1 Case   | Golf Balls            | Caprico | NIKE | 72 doz. | 4.05  |         |
|          | "                     |         | SWAN | 48 doz. | 5.85  | 572.40  |

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|-----------------|----------------------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| 72              | Artificial Snow Bombs            | (Bagle)       |                  | 72 doz.         | 4.70         | 338.40        |
| 2               | Sports shirt(Spectator)          | BOG           |                  | 69              | 2.50         | 172.50        |
| 2               | Binocular                        | Airguide      | #31              | 22              | 2.25         |               |
|                 | "                                |               | #32              | 36              | 2.50         | 139.50        |
| 11              | Asst.Jewelry(Peacock)            |               |                  | 36 pcs.         | 1.10         | 39.60         |
|                 | "Bosom Friend                    |               |                  |                 |              |               |
| 1               | Ladies Money and Jewelry Holders | Warner - Hall | Asst.            | 21 doz.         | 12.00        | 252.00        |
| 4               | Condiment Sets                   |               |                  |                 |              |               |
|                 | Bowl Sets                        | Woodpecker    |                  | 75 Sets         | 4.10         |               |
|                 | Cannister Sets                   |               |                  |                 |              |               |
|                 | Jigger opener                    |               |                  | 12 only         | .95          | 318.90        |
| 2 cases         | Folding Chairs(Berdan)           |               | Y-25             | 12              | 16.00        | 192.00        |
| 6               | Poker Sets                       | Playwood      | 775              | 36              | 10.80        | 388.80        |
|                 | Ropes                            |               | 55-B             | 24 doz.         | 1.38         |               |
|                 | 12' Lariat                       | Hoffman       | 528-C-3745       | 12 doz.         | 1.65         |               |
|                 | Line and Pins                    | Lion          | 625-3750         | 24 doz.         | 1.48         | 88.44         |
|                 | Paint Set                        |               | 122              | 20              | 1.60         |               |
|                 | "                                | Picture       | 117              | 20              | 1.60         |               |
| 3               | "                                | Craft         | 302              | 20              | 3.07         |               |
|                 | "                                |               | 207              | 20              | 3.67         | 200.60        |
|                 | Kewpie Angels                    |               | 130              | 12 doz.         | 6.00         |               |
|                 | Ashtrays Clown                   |               | 568              | 4 doz.          | 6.60         |               |
|                 | Tigers                           | Zoltan        | 8743             | 1 doz.          | 12.00        |               |
| 4               | Poodle Black                     |               | 573              | 1 doz.          | 24.00        |               |
|                 | Ashtray                          |               | 40582            | 1 doz.          | 12.00        |               |
|                 | Wall                             |               | 60528            | 1 doz.          | 18.00        |               |
|                 | Fig                              |               | 063              | 3 doz.          | 6.60         | 184.20        |
| 511 ctn         |                                  | Forward       |                  |                 |              | 8257.02       |
|                 | Better Home Products             |               |                  | Sheet #3        |              |               |
| 511             |                                  | Forward       |                  |                 |              | 8257.02       |



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|-------------------|----------------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1                 | Mens Heavy Underwear | Allen-A     | 2 pc.Set         | 40 sets         | 5.00         | 200.00        |
| 1                 | Watches              | Endura      |                  | 58              | 6.00         |               |
|                   | Travel Alarm         |             |                  | 23              | 6.00         | 486.00        |
| 513 cartons total |                      |             |                  |                 |              | 8943.02"      |

On October 29, 1958, a statement was prepared relative to the information furnished by HARRY MARKIN which he read and approved as correct in the presence of SA'S SIMPSON and [REDACTED]. However, he declined to sign any statement until he had received advice of counsel.

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"Syracuse, N\_Y.

"I, Harry Markin, make the following voluntary statement to [REDACTED] & George F. Simpson who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to induce me to give this statement which I have been advised can be used in a court of law. I have been advised of my right to counsel before making this statement.

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"I am the proprietor of Better Home Products, 367 E. Onondaga, Syracuse, N.Y. I have known Jack Shubow, owner of Rich-Mor Sales, Detroit, for about 6 years and have purchased merchandise from him on a regular basis during this period.

"I do not know [REDACTED] of Scanlon Radio & Music, 707 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, Wisc. I have observed the name Scanlon Radio & Music on merchandise containers received by me from Jack Shubow about 2 weeks ago.

"This particular shipment of miscellaneous household goods, novelties & toys were purchased by me from Shubow at Detroit, in early October, 1958. I had gone to Detroit at Shubow's invitation to examine 'bankrupt stock' which Shubow was offering at 60% of invoice price.

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"Shubow did not indicate that there was anything irregular concerning title to the goods and I concluded from his remarks that he had purchased the goods from a bankrupt estate.

"I have, an invoice, handwritten in ink, presumably by Jack Shubow, which reflects invoice prices totaling \$8943.02. I was supposed to pay 60% of this amount for the merchandise. I did observe in Shubow's possession at Detroit, invoices for this material from Scanlon Radio & Music. I have given Shubow blank amount checks dated in 11/58 in payment for the goods.

"All of the material purchased is on the second floor of my second store located at 510 Erie Blvd. East, Syracuse, N.Y. except for 2 cases of sport shirts at 367 E Onondaga & 1 case of long underwear given to my salesman  
[redacted]

"I have never received prior to today, any information indicating the merchandise might be concealed assets in bankruptcy.

"During this 6 year association with Schubow I have always received typed letterhead billings from Schubow. This is the first instance of a handwritten listing on blank accounting paper. Because of this and the good price on the merchandise, I would have been suspicious of 'hot goods' from any stranger, but because of my 6 years experience with Schubow I believed the offer was proper and legal. b6 b7c

"Read and approved as correct, but declined to sign, by Harry Markin on 10/29/58 at Syracuse, N\_Y before -  
"Witnesses: F.B.I. Special Agent, George P. Simpson, Syr\_NY.  
[redacted] FBI. Syracuse, N.Y."

On November 3, 1958, HARRY MARKIN advised SA SIMPSON that his attempt to contact an attorney had been negative.

On November 4, 1958, HARRY MARKIN made available for examination an invoice relative to the instant shipment

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of Scanlon Radio and Music merchandise from Detroit to Syracuse. This invoice contained the following data:

Invoice of Riss and Company, Incorporated, No. G796741, dated October 14, 1958, in the amount of \$263.52, covering 401 cartons of toys, weight 10,500 pounds and 28 bundles of toys, weight 300 pounds. Above was shipped by Trailer No. 2779 to Better Home Products from Beverly Company, Detroit, Michigan. The invoice also refers to Riss and Company, Incorporated overload invoice No. G796738, which MARKIN advised he had also received in regards to the balance of the shipment but had been unable to locate amongst his records as of that date. Invoice No. G796741 was paid by Better Home Products check No. 3478, dated October 17, 1958, in the amount of \$263.52, drawn on the Merchants National Bank of Syracuse, New York, by [redacted], and payable to Riss and Company, Incorporated of Kansas City, Missouri. The invoice was also noted as marked paid by [redacted] on October 17, 1958. MARKIN denied having knowledge relative to the Beverly Company, its owners or why the shipper was not reflected as JACK SHUBOW or Rich-Mor Sales Company.

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On November 5, 1958, HARRY MARKIN advised that he had consulted an attorney but had been unable to arrange for an appointment relative to a signed statement because it was necessary for his attorney to handle other matters and they were already committed in this case to appear before the bankruptcy court at Utica, New York on November 10, 1958, after having been advised by [redacted] that he was going to request an order for the turnover of the merchandise.

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Recontact of MARKIN on November 6, and 7, 1958, for the purposes of determining his attorney's opinion as to furnishing a signed statement in this case resulted in advice by MARKIN that his attorney had not made any commitment relative to whether a statement would be furnished until he ascertained the outcome of the November 10, 1958, hearing.

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On November 12, 1958, MARKIN advised SA SIMPSON that he had arranged for his attorney to give a decision in this case on November 17, 1958.

On November 17, 1958, HARRY MARKIN advised that he would consent to furnishing a signed statement in this case with the approval of his attorney, [redacted] Seitz Building, 201 East Jefferson Street, Syracuse, New York.

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The following signed statement was furnished by MARKIN:

"November 17, 1958  
Syracuse, N.Y.

"I, Harry Markin, make the following voluntary statement to George P. Simpson who has identified himself as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to induce me to give this statement which I have been advised can be used in a court of law. I have consulted counsel before making this statement.

"I reside at 1036 Midland, Syracuse, N.Y. and am the proprietor of Better Home Products, 367 E. Onondaga & 510 Erie Blve. East, Syr., N.Y.

"I have known Jack Shubow, owner of Rich-Mor Sales, Detroit, Mich. for about 6 years and have purchased material amounts of merchandise from him during that period.

"About 9/29 to 10/2/58, Shubow called my business and telephonically told me he had some bankrupt stock at a good price. I told him I was well stocked but because he told me he had 'a tremendous deal' I agreed to go to Detroit and examine the merchandise.

"On a Monday, about 10/6/58, I drove to Detroit & went to Shubow's place of business on Linwood Ave., Detroit.

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"He told me he was the agent for disposing of some bankrupt stock; he took me to a warehouse a few blocks away and showed me a large quantity of cartoned goods which bore the label 'Scanlon Radio & Music'\_\_

"I ordered the merchandise I wanted on the basis of 60% of invoice price. I did not know the owner of the goods, or who owned 'Scanlon Radio & Music.' Shubow did not mention anyone else by name relative to his sale of the goods. Shubow prepared a handwritten listing of the merchandise I bought as I choose it. This listing, dated 10/9/58, addressed to 'Better Home Products' and consisting of 3 sheets was later mailed to me by Shubow. The value reflected thereon was \$8943.02\_\_ My agreed price was to be 60% of this amount.

"On 10/17/58 the merchandise was delivered by Riss & Co., Inc of Detroit, Mich. This invoice #G796741, dated 10/14/58 (covering 429 of 513 cartons purchased) reflected the shipper as Beverly Co., Detroit, Mich.

"I do not know who owns Beverly Co. and have never heard of or seen [REDACTED]

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"I do not know why I was not invoiced directly by Shubow or Rich-Mor Sales except that Shubow indicated he was just an agent in this sale. Previously, I have always been invoiced by Shubow on a regular letterhead invoice form.

"I have since arranged to purchase this same merchandise from the Attorney for the Receiver at Syracuse. I have exhibited the merchandise to him, furnished cash for the purchase and have received title from the bankruptcy court.

"I have read this statement consisting of four pages and it is true to my knowledge.

"/s/ Harry Markin

"Witnessed: George P. Simpson, Special Agent, FBI,  
Albany, NY."

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MARKIN also advised on November 17, 1958, that the bankruptcy court had agreed to sell him the merchandise of the bankrupt estate for approximately \$5300 which was the figure which he had originally agreed to pay JACK SHUBOW which represented 60% of the invoiced amount.

MARKIN advised SA SIMPSON on November 17 and 18, 1958, that he had been unable to locate the second freight invoice of the merchandise shipment from Detroit to Syracuse.

On November 24, 1958, HARRY MARKIN advised that he had located the second invoice of Riss and Company, Incorporated #G7976738 dated October 14, 1958, indicating that 570 items weighing 8,550 pounds, description toys, had been shipped by the Beverly Company to Better Home Products at a cost for freight of \$390.40. MARKIN explained that the quantity of 570 items more than accounted for the total of 513 cartons in this case; however, it was explainable by the fact that numerous items had been received loose and not contained in the cartons as originally ordered at Detroit.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
INTERVIEW REPORTDate March 24, 1959

On March 9, 1959, MARKIN made available his freight invoices, cancelled checks and check stubs and merchandise invoices relative to transactions with JACK SHUBOW, Detroit, Michigan.

MARKIN advised relative to the checks furnished SHUBOW by him at Detroit in October, 1958, that he had furnished between \$600 and \$700 in cash and a Better Home Products Company check for approximately \$1,300 relative to the initial \$2,000 payment on the purchases. He stated that to the best of his recollection he purchased approximately \$9,000 worth of merchandise which on a 60% of invoice purchase cost was contracted for an amount between \$5,300 and \$5,400. He stated he made no record of these transactions but recollected that he subsequently stopped payment on the second and third checks furnished SHUBOW which had been postdated after the FBI contacted him at Syracuse, New York and advised him relative to the alleged concealment in bankruptcy. MARKIN stated after examination of records that Check No. 3507 dated October 8, 1958, payable to cash in the amount of \$1,322.71 was the check furnished SHUBOW by him at Detroit in October, 1958. This check indicated that it was deposited through the Michigan Bank on October 10, 1958. MARKIN identified a debit slip of the Merchants National Bank and Trust Company indicating that three checks

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on 3/9/59 at Syracuse, New York Date dictated 3/16/59  
by Special Agent GEORGE P. SIMPSON/hcv *hcv*

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were returned for insufficient funds relative to the Better Home Products account on October 21, 1958. The three checks involved were in the amounts of \$150.00, \$113.49 and \$2,000. MARKIN advised that the \$2,000 check was the check identified at Detroit by Accountant ROHE as the second half of the \$4,000 payment known to ROHE. MARKIN advised that a third check for the approximate \$1,365.82 balance on the \$8,943.02 purchase value which would total 60% or \$5,365.82 had apparently never been processed by SHUBOW after the investigation commenced and, therefore, Accountant ROHE had not been aware of its existence.

MARKIN maintained that the only purchases by him from SHUBOW in connection with the instant estate and received noted Beverly Company was the invoice previously furnished him by SHUBOW and turned over to the FBI in connection with the merchandise valued at \$8,943.02. MARKIN maintained that this merchandise was delivered by Riss and Company in October, 1958, and no additional shipments were received and he was not acquainted with [redacted] or any Negro truck driver who was alleged to have forwarded a third shipment of merchandise. MARKIN stated relative to the discrepancy in the quantity of cartons mentioned on the Riss and Company invoices as compared to the quantity of cartons specified on the handwritten Beverly Company invoice that his only explanation was that the merchandise when actually delivered to him involved a greater number of cartons than described on the invoice because the materials were not packed and forwarded as originally indicated on the invoice when it was written by JACK SHUBOW. MARKIN advised that he could not specifically recall all items in which there were carton differences; however, he did recall relative to item 2 on the invoice in the amount of \$133.20 pertaining to 72 soldiers lamps, alleged to be packed in 6 cartons, that the lamps had actually been delivered in their individual cartons which would account for a difference of 66 items in connection with this one commodity. He advised that he also recalled relative to the alleged 2 cartons of sport shirts totaling \$172.50 that the 69 shirts were actually packed three to a cardboard carton and each group of four cartons was tied together with a string which resulted in approximately six packages. He also observed that since the individual

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cartons were countable even though tied together four in a group, this may have resulted in a counting by Riss and Company for a total of as many as 23 cartons instead of the 2 as indicated on the invoice. He advised he also recalled relative to the one carton of men's heavy underwear that these items had been packed three sets to a box and, therefore, had apparently consisted of 14 cartons instead of one. He stated that he could not account at the moment for any additional carton discrepancy and could not make a physical examination of the merchandise since a material water damage loss to a major portion of this material had occurred in his warehouse about Christmas, 1958, and the material had been rearranged, salvaged and restored in other places.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (49-320)

DATE: April 19, 1960

FROM : *M* SAC, ALBANY (49-258)SUBJECT:  aka

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ITSP; CONSPIRACY; MAIL FRAUD  
OO: MILWAUKEE  
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Re your airtel to Director, 4/14/60

Forwarded herewith are the originals of the following documents:

- (1) HARRY MARKIN's unsigned statement, 10/29/58
- (2) HARRY MARKIN's signed statement, 11/17/58
- (3) FD-302, interview of HARRY MARKIN, dated 12/5/58
- (4) FD-302, interview of HARRY MARKIN, dated 3/24/59

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- ② - Milwaukee (49-320) (Encls. 4) (RM)  
1 - Albany (49-258)

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TO SAC MILWAUKEE 49-320

FROM SAC CLEVELAND 49-596

[REDACTED] AKA, ETAL, ITSP, CONSPIRACY, MAIL FRAUD.

RE MILWAUKEE TEL APRIL TWENTY LAST. DISCREET INQUIRIES ASCERTAINED

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[REDACTED] CURRENTLY RESIDING [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, CLEVELAND (49-506)  
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (49-320)  
SUBJECT: [REDACTED], aka.;  
ET AL  
ITSP - CONSPIRACY; MAIL FRAUD  
OO: Milwaukee

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Re Report of SA ROBERT P. KEEHAN (A), Detroit, dated  
4/13/60.

AUSA [REDACTED] Milwaukee, advised this date he is  
no longer interested in ascertaining whereabouts of Subjects  
LICHTERMAN and WIGODSKI.

Cleveland and Los Angeles discontinue.

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2 - Cleveland (49-506)  
2 - Los Angeles (87-86711)  
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Date: 4/19/60

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Reurairtel 4/14/60. There are enclosed herewith  
five original FD-302s and one original SF-64 pertaining to  
interviews with                      and his employees.

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TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (49-320)  
 FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (87-8671)  
 SUBJECT: [REDACTED] aka  
 ET AL  
 ITSP; CONSPIRACY; MAIL FRAUD  
 OO: Milwaukee

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 4/14/60; report of SA  
 ROBERT P. KEEHAN dated 4/13/60 at Detroit.

In accordance with the request in referenced Milwaukee  
 airtel, original SF-64's reflecting interviews with [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] are enclosed. Milwaukee is requested to advise if current  
 investigation to determine current activities and location of  
 DANIEL EDWARD WIGODSKI and IRVING LICHTERMAN are desired.

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 1 - Los Angeles

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Approved: W. B. Smith  
 Special Agent in Charge

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TO: SAC, DETROIT (49-1185)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (49-5060)

[REDACTED] AKA., ET AL, ITSP DASH CONSPIRACY,  
MAIL FRAUD, OO MILWAUKEE. DISCREET INQUIRIES ASCERTAINED

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[REDACTED] PRESENTLY RESIDING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OHIO. DETROIT ADVISE

USM SO THAT PAPERS MAY BE FURNISHED TO USM, CLEVELAND,  
WHO WILL SERVE [REDACTED] WITH SUBPOENA.

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1 - Milwaukee (49-320)(AM)

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TO: SAC, CLEVELAND (49-506)

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (49-1185)

[REDACTED] AKA, ET AL, ITSP DASH CONSPIRACY,  
MAIL FRAUD. OO: MILWAUKEE. USM, DETROIT, ADVISED HE  
RECEIVED A SUBPOENA FROM USM, CLEVELAND, FOR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS NOT LOCATED AT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND REPORTEDLY WAS  
EMPLOYED AT [REDACTED] OF

[REDACTED] ADVISED USM NO [REDACTED] HAS BEEN EMPLOYED THERE.

REPORT OF SA [REDACTED] DATED APRIL SIX, NINETEEN  
FIFTYNINE, SHOWS [REDACTED] RESIDED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WITH [REDACTED] IN

VIEW OF TRIAL DATE OF APRIL TWENTYEIGHT, NEXT, CLEVELAND,  
IMMEDIATELY DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS OF [REDACTED] USM,  
DETROIT, HOLDING SUBPOENA IN EVENT [REDACTED] CAME TO DETROIT.

AIR MAIL COPY FURNISHED MILWAUKEE.

1 - Milwaukee (49-220)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (87-8671)

DATE: 11/14/58

Date Dictated: 11/14/58

FROM : <sup>116.</sup> SA ROBERT K. BURESH

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] was., -  
 FUGITIVE; etal  
 NSA; ITSP  
 OO: Milwaukee

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On November 13, 1958, [REDACTED] was interviewed at the United States Marshall's Office, Los Angeles, by SAs ROBERT K. BURESH and [REDACTED] was advised that he was not compelled to furnish any statement and in the event he did so, same could be used against him in a court of law. He was further advised of his right to retain legal counsel. No force, threats, or promises were made to [REDACTED] in connection with this interview.

[REDACTED] advised that he had originally met [REDACTED] at Detroit, Michigan sometime during the fall of 1957. He stated that he was introduced to him by his employer at the Crown Sewing Machine Company; however, [REDACTED] stated that in May of 1958 he had traveled to Detroit, Michigan on vacation and again had occasion to meet with [REDACTED]. At this time [REDACTED] made mention that he would loan [REDACTED] money and they could go into business together. Upon mutual agreement, both proceeded to Milwaukee, Wisconsin to seek out a business venture.

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[REDACTED] stated he answered a newspaper ad from the Milwaukee Journal, and thereafter purchased a business from Mrs. [REDACTED] in July, 1958. [REDACTED] recalled that an attorney named [REDACTED] had handled this sales transaction. He further stated he had purchased this business under the name of [REDACTED] had loaned [REDACTED] \$500 and they made a down payment in the amount of \$1,000 and agreed to pay Mrs. [REDACTED] \$150 per month for the next eighteen months. [REDACTED] also commented that for business purposes, [REDACTED] had assumed the name [REDACTED]

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He stated that following the purchase, it was found that the merchandise contained in the store consisted mainly of obsolete items and they proceeded to discard same with the intention of purchasing new equipment.

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Shortly thereafter [ ] introduced IRVING (last name unknown), reported to be a Cleveland businessman, to him. IRVING attempted to impress upon him that an operation such as theirs would "go under," indicating that he, himself, had been in business before and had gone bankrupt.

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IRVING indicated that as a result of this bankruptcy, their credit rating was considered as "no good" and suggested [ ] order merchandise from companies all over the country for which he would be paid a 10% profit and IRVING would take everything off his hands. [ ] stated he had agreed to IRVING's proposition.

IRVING thereafter forwarded purchase orders to [ ] and he in turn would mail same. [ ] commented that all orders were billed to the Scanlon Company and delivered to their warehouses at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. [ ] stated that drivers and trucks furnished by IRVING of the A & E Sales Company, Cleveland, Ohio, would usually move this merchandise from the warehouse in a matter of one or two days following arrival.

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[ ] stated that as of September 1, approximately fifteen or twenty truck loads of merchandise, valued at 8 to \$10,000 a truck load, had been removed from their warehouses by the A & E Sales Company. He received an initial payment of \$15,000 in cash and about one week later, \$4,000, commenting that both amounts were used to pay his creditors. Consequently, he was never able to realize the 10% profit per their agreement.

He stated he thereafter had made several telephone calls to IRVING and his business partner, [ ] (last name unknown), at Cleveland and they informed him they were unable to get additional funds to cover the cost of merchandise received by them. They merely suggested he attempt to "stall" his creditors.

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On October 10, 1958, realizing the fact he was going deeper into debt, he decided to cease this business operation and leave Milwaukee. He proceeded to [ ] residence

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at [ ] Illinois, and informed him of the action he had taken. [ ] attempted to discourage [ ] quitting; however he refused to resume operation. [ ] stated this was the last time he had seen [ ] and has no idea as to his present whereabouts, except to say that at the time of their last meeting, [ ] mentioned he contemplated moving from that address.

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[ ] further stated that during the entire time of their business operation at Milwaukee, [ ] had divided his time between this city and Berwyn, Illinois, where he reportedly had a TV Appliance Store. With regard to warehouse activities and the moving of merchandise, [ ] commented that [ ] had been in complete charge and although he had knowledge [ ] had several individuals working for him as helpers, he did not know their identity.

[ ] advised that his business dealings with the A & E Sales Company had not netted him anything due to the fact that all money received was in turn paid to creditors, nor did he have any knowledge of the gain this operation had for [ ]

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At this point of the interview [ ] stated he did not desire to further elaborate on any of his past business activities until he had an opportunity to discuss this matter with an attorney and made the comment "he had probably said too much already." [ ] further declined placing the information he had made available in the form of a signed statement.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (87-8671)

DATE: 11/24/58

FROM : *WMB* SA WILLIAM H. BUYS

Date Dictated: 11/21/58

SUBJECT:

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NBA; ITSP

OO: Milwaukee

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On November 18, 1958, [redacted] was interviewed at the Los Angeles County Jail, Los Angeles, California, by SA's ROBERT K. BURESH and WILLIAM H. BUYS. [redacted] was advised by SA BUYS that he did not have to make any statement, and that any statement he did make could be used against him in court, and that he had the right to have an attorney. No force, threats, or promises were made to [redacted] in connection with this interview. [redacted] furnished the following information:

He had never heard of the name JESS BERON. Although he had never seen JACK SHUBOW he was present when [redacted] telephoned SHUBOW from SCANLON's Radio and Music in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This call was made sometime between August 1, and August 15, 1958. He heard [redacted] offer to sell SHUBOW \$30,000 to \$40,000 worth of merchandise. After the call, [redacted] told [redacted] that the matter was not yet settled. Prior to the call [redacted] had told [redacted] that he had previously sold merchandise to SHUBOW and that he thought SHUBOW would buy all the merchandise. About one week later a man known as IRVING and a man known as [redacted] of A and E Sales, Cleveland, Ohio, arrived in Milwaukee and made the deal with [redacted] to which [redacted] had referred during his interview with FBI Agents on November 13, 1958. [redacted] did not know the surnames of IRVING or [redacted]

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[redacted] told [redacted] that SHUBOW had put him in contact with IRVING and [redacted] and that [redacted] had a connection with the Sands Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. Merchandise from the Scanlon Warehouse in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, had been transported to Detroit, Michigan, and Cleveland, Ohio, and [redacted] did not know any other cities to which merchandise was transported except

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that during a telephone conversation between [ ] and a man called [ ] whose surname was unknown to [ ] but who was connected with A. and E Sales, told [ ] he could not send money because difficulty had been encountered in collecting for merchandise shipped to Akron and Cincinnati. As far as [ ] knew, SHUBOW had not received any of the merchandise.

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[ ] knew nothing of the operations concerning SCANLON's Radio and Music and took no part in any such operations. [ ] told her the matter was a business deal and did not furnish her any details. [ ] lived with [ ] at [ ] during the entire time he was in Milwaukee and he used the name of [ ] He has smoked marijuana cigarettes every night for several years.

[ ] declined to furnish a signed statement or furnish additional information until he discussed the matter with an attorney.

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TO SAC, MILWAUKEE /49-320/

FROM SAC, CHICAGO /49-2158/ 1P

[REDACTED] AKA., ET AL, ITSP, CONSPIRACY, MAIL FRAUD. RE

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YOUR TEL APRIL TWENTY, LAST. ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE [REDACTED] NEGATIVE  
BUT CONTINUING. STATEMENTS ETC., BEING FORWARDED MILWAUKEE.

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AIR MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (49-14193)  
FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (49-320)  
SUBJECT: [REDACTED] aka. et al  
MSP; CONSPIRACY; MP  
OO: Milwaukee

AUSA [REDACTED] advised this date that SA JOHN D. FUSELIER, Detroit Division, who has conducted considerable investigation in this matter, will also be a necessary witness this case. MR. [REDACTED] advised that he should appear Room 358 Federal Building, Milwaukee, Wis., 9:00 AM, 4/27/60. Detroit Division, UACB, will arrange for appearance SA FUSELIER.

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Cleveland Division will forward to Milwaukee original FD-302 reflecting interview with [REDACTED] also a necessary witness.

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3 - Bureau (49-14193) (AM)  
2 - Detroit (49-1185) (AM)  
2 - Cleveland (49-305) (AM)  
1 - Milwaukee (49-320) (AM)

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Date: 4/22/60

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FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (49-2158)

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ITSP; CONSPIRACY;  
MAIL FRAUD  
OO: MILWAUKEE

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Re your airtel to the Bureau 4/14/60.

Enclosed for the use of the Milwaukee Office  
in trial of this case in Federal court in the Eastern  
District of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, are the following  
documents:

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Re RAYMOND JOHNSON:

FD 302 dated 12/18/59; ✓

Re EUGENE GILLIS:

SF 64 dated 11/20/58; ✓

② Milwaukee (Encls.18)  
1- Chicago

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Unsigned statement dated 1/19/59; ✓

Signed statement dated 2/4/59; ✓

SF 64 dated 2/16/59; ✓

SF 64 dated 2/16/59; ✓



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Re RUSHUS WILLIAMS:

SF 64 dated 10/28/58; ✓

The Milwaukee Office will upon completion of trial of this case and when deemed advisable, return the above documents to the Chicago Office.

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URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (49-14193) AND SAC, PITTSBURGH  
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (49-1185)

[REDACTED] AKA., ET AL; ITSP, CONSPIRACY, MF.

MILWAUKEE AIRTEL APRIL TWENTY TWO LAST, INDICATED AUSA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] MILWAUKEE, CONSIDERS SA JOHN D. FUSELIER TO BE NECESSARY  
WITNESS THIS CASE AND REQUESTED HE APPEAR ROOM THREE FIVE EIGHT  
FEDERAL BLDG., MILWAUKEE, NINE AM, APRIL TWENTY SEVEN NEXT.  
SA FUSELIER BELIEVED PRESENTLY ASSIGNED PITTSBURGH. UACB,  
PITTSBURGH ARRANGE APPEARANCE.

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URGENT 4-28-60 1-11 PM MB

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FROM SAC, CHICAGO /49-2158/ 1P

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[REDACTED] AKA., ET AL. ITSP, CONSPIRACY, MAIL FRAUD. REURTEL  
APRIL TWENTYSEVEN LAST. RUSHUS WILLIAMS OUT OF TOWN, WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN.  
DUE BACK COMING WEEKEND. USM, CHICAGO, REQUESTS AUTHORITY BE GRANTED  
BY MILWAUKEE AUTHORITIES FOR CHICAGO USM TO ISSUE SUBPOENA TICKET AND  
ALSO FORWARD NEW SUBPOENA FOR WILLIAMS, IF HE IS STILL NEEDED AS WITNESS  
NEXT WEEK.

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TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (49-320)  
FROM: SAC, SAVANNAH (87-4031)  
RE : [REDACTED] aka  
ET AL  
ITSP; CONSPIRACY; MAIL FRAUD

Re Cleveland airtel to Milwaukee 4/16/60 and  
Bureau airtel to Savannah 4/18/60.

For your information arrangements have been  
made for SA [REDACTED] Savannah Division, to arrive  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 4:35 P.M., 4/26/60.

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TO: SAC, MILWAUKEE (49-320)  
 FROM: *1/11* SAC, CLEVELAND (49-506)  
 RE:  aka.,  
       ET AL  
       ITSP; CONSPIRACY  
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Re Milwaukee airtel to Director dated 4/22/60 and  
 Milwaukee airtel to Director dated 4/14/60.

Enclosed for the Milwaukee Office are the following  
 documents requested in the referenced airtels:

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| SF 64 prepared by SA  |  | dated 5/11/59.  |
| SF 64 prepared by SA  |  | dated 6/24/59.  |
| SF 64 prepared by SA  |  | dated 7/8/59.   |
| SF 64 prepared by SA  |  | dated 7/8/59.   |
| SF 64 prepared by SA  |  | dated 1/12/59.  |
| SF 64 prepared by SA  |  | dated 1/14/59.  |
| SF 64 prepared by SA  |  | dated 1/19/59.  |
| SF 64 prepared by SA  |  | dated 2/20/59.  |
| SF 64 prepared by SA  |  | dated 3/5/59.   |
| SF 64 prepared by SA  |  | dated 3/16/59.  |
| SF 64 prepared by SA  |  | dated 3/19/59.  |
| FD 302 for IRVING LICHTERMAN  |  | dated 10/24/58. |
| FD 302 for IRVING LICHTERMAN  |  | dated 10/28/59. |
| FD 302 for <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span> |  | dated 10/29/58. |
| FD 302 for <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span> |  | dated 3/25/58.  |

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FD 302 for [redacted] dated 2/10/59.

FD 302 for [redacted] 4/30/59.

Signed statement of [redacted]

Unsigned statement of [redacted]

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Milwaukee is requested to return the above documents  
when no longer needed.

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TO - SACS CHICAGO /49-2158/ - CINCINNATI /49-506/ - DETROIT /49-1185/  
FROM- SAC, MILWAUKEE /49-320/ 2 P

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OO MILWAUKEE. FOR INFO. CINCINNATI, TRIAL THIS MATTER SCHEDULED  
BE HELD FEDERAL COURT, MILWAUKEE, BEGINNING APRIL TWENTYEIGHT,  
SIXTY. AUSA, EDW, THIS DATE REQUESTED CERTIFIED COPY OF CORPORATION  
DOCUMENT OF E AND A SALES CO., CLEVELAND, FILED WITH SECRETARY  
OF STATE, OHIO, SHOWING SUBJECTS IRVING LICHTERMAN AND EDWARD  
WIGODSKI-S CAPACITY WITH COMPANY. HE REQUESTS CERTIFIED COPY OF  
DEATH CERTIFICATE OF JACOB WIGODSKI, FATHER OF EDWARD, WHO DIED  
SEPT. SEVENTEEN, FIFTYEIGHT, DETROIT. USM, EDW, ADVISED SUBPOENA  
FOR RUSHUS WILLIAMS, FIFTYNINE THIRTYSIX INDIANA, CHICAGO,  
MAILED APRIL SIX LAST FROM MILWAUKEE AND RETURNED NOT RECEIVED TO  
DATE. CINCINNATI AT COLUMBUS, OBTAIN CERTIFIED COPY OF CHARTER  
OF INCORPORATION OF E AND A SALES, SEVENTY TEN EUCLID AVE, DEFUNCT,  
OR ANY OTHER DOCUMENT FILED WITH OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE,  
OHIO, SHOWING LICHTERMAN AND WIGODSKI-S OFFICIAL CAPACITY  
WITH THAT CO.  
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FORWARD VIA AMSD. E AND A SALES INCORPORATED MAY ONE, FIFTYFIVE.  
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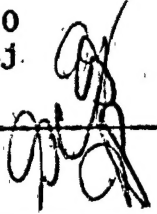
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(OO: MILWAUKEE)

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Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 4/14/60.

On 4/28/60, Miss  of Bankruptcy Court, advised SAA  that docket number 82198 for ancillary proceedings in case entitled  aka., dba Scanlon's Radio and Music Shop, 7010 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland" reflects the following entries:

11/10/58 Petition to establish ancillary receivership filed,  appointed as ancillary receiver by Judge PAUL C. WEICK

12/5/58 Appointment of  as receiver vacated and  appointed as trustee

12/11/58 Petition for examination of designated persons under Section 21-A filed

12/26/58 Suppoena issued for IRVING LICHTERMAN

12/30/58 Examination of LICHTERMAN adjourned until 1/7/59.

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1/2/59 Subpoena issued for IRVING LICHTERMAN

1/7/59 Examination of IRVING LICHTERMAN partly held and adjourned until 1/19/59.

1/19/59 Examination of IRVING LICHTERMAN adjourned until 1/26/59.

1/26/59 Examination of IRVING LICHTERMAN held and adjourned until 2/23/59.

2/24/59 Examination of IRVING LICHTERMAN dismissed.

It should be noted that in referenced airtel Milwaukee points out that LICHTERMAN appeared before U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Cleveland on 1/7, 26/59 and 2/12/59.

It should be noted as recorded on the docket LICHTERMAN did not appear on 2/12/59.

Testimony of LICHTERMAN has been furnished to the Milwaukee Office in connection with LICHTERMAN's appearance on 1/7 and 26/59.